



NEWS:

Delaware Turns Teal to Raise Awareness of Silent Killer of Women

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 – Teal ribbons are showing up in municipalities throughout Delaware to promote awareness of a "silent killer" of women.

The efforts are part of "Turn the Towns Teal," a national campaign conducted during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

State lawmakers are assisting the life-saving promotion. Recently, State Reps. Ruth Briggs King & Steve Smyk joined volunteers in Georgetown and Lewes to hang ribbons.

A woman's risk of getting ovarian cancer during her lifetime is about [1 in 78](#).

If caught at its earliest stages, ovarian cancer can be successfully treated. However, because victims either do not display symptoms, or often mistake and dismiss them, it is especially deadly. According to the American Cancer Society, the 5-year relative survival rate for all types of ovarian cancer is [47 percent](#).

Signs of the disease can be subtle. Women are urged to consult with their doctor if they experience the following symptoms on a consistent basis for more than a few weeks:

- Bloating or swollen belly area
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly (early satiety)
- Pelvic or lower abdominal pain. (The area may feel "heavy.")

To learn more about ovarian cancer's signs and symptoms, [click here](#).