

Endometrial (Uterine Cancer)

Endometrial (uterine) cancer is diagnosed in almost 39,300 women/year in the U.S. Although cancer death rates have been declining since the 1930's due primarily to earlier diagnosis, endometrial cancer still accounts for approximately 6,600 cancer deaths each year. It occurs most frequently in women between the ages of 50 and 70.

Risk Factors for endometrial cancer inlude:

menstrual irregularities	never being pregnant and infertility	
hypertension	diabetes mellitus	
obesity	tamoxifen treatment of breast cancer	
aging	estrogen replacement therapy (if not combined with	
late menopause (after age 52)	progesterone)	
early menses (before age 12)	history of colon or breast cancer	

Women generally present with vaginal bleeding, and the evaluation usually involves a dilatation and curettage (D&C). The D&C obtains tissue for examination from the uterine cavity. If cancer is diagnosed, a hysterectomy is required to determine the degree of invasion.

Endometrial cancer is classified by stages (which is the extent or invasion of the tumor).

STAGE	DESCRIPTION	5 YEAR SURIVAL
0	in situ	up to 100%
I	confined to body of uterus	83%
П	body of uterus and cervix	73%
Ш	extension into pelvis	52%
IV	extension beyond pelvis including bladder or rectum	27%

Treatment includes a total hysterectomy; more advanced disease also receives radiation. Hormonal therapy and/or chemotherapy are generally used only for metastatic disease.

The next page shows our malignant tumor rating schedule for individual policies where no other significant health problems are present. In situ or Stage O endometrial cancer would be rated Tumor Table D (\$5x3 if in first year post treatment). Stage I would be rated Tumor Table C (see reverse). Stage II would be individual consideration and Stages III - IV are generally declined.

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Besides stage, other prognostic features which could affect the underwriting rating include: adequate routine follow-up care, tumor grade, progesterone receptor status, DNA ploidy and vascular invasion.

MALIGNANT TUMOR RATING SCHEDULE						
	Α	В	С	D		
Within 1st year	R	R	R	\$5x3		
2nd year	R	R	\$7.50x5	\$5x2		
3rd year	R	\$10x6	\$7.50x4	\$5x1		
4th year	\$15x6	\$10x5	\$7.50x3	0		
5th year	\$15x5	\$10x4	\$7.50x2	0		
6th year	\$15x4	\$10x3	\$7.50x1	0		
7th year	\$15x3	\$10x2	0	0		
8th year	\$15x2	\$10x1	0	0		
9th year	\$15x1	0	0	0		

For example, Stage I Endometrial (Uterine) Cancer in the 3rd year following treatment would be rated under Tumor Table C: \$7.50x4.

To get an idea of how a client with Endometrial (Uterine) Cancer would be viewed in the underwriting process, use the Ask "Rx" pert Underwriter on the next page for an informal quote.

Ask "Rx"pert Underwriter (Ask Our Expert)					
After reading the Rx for Success on Endometrial (Uterine) Cancer, use this form to Ask "Rx" pert Underwriter for an informal quote.					
ProducerClient					
Cancer is rated by the organ of origin, the extent of the cancer (Stage) and the length of time since treatment. Please send the pathology and surgical reports.					
1. Please list type of cancer and date of diagnosis.					
2. How was the cancer treated? (Check all that ap	ply.)				
☐ Lumpectomy ☐ Total excision (mastectomy, prostatectomy) ☐ Node dissection ☐ Chemotherapy	☐ Radiation therapy ☐ Hormonal therapy (tamoxifen, Lupro ☐ Stem cell transplant	on etc.)			
3. Please list date treatment completed.					
4. Is your client on any medications?					
☐ Yes. Please give details					
□No					
5. What stage was the cancer?					
☐ Stage 0 (in-situ) ☐ Stage III					
☐ Stage IV					
☐ Stage II					
6. Were lymph nodes involved? If yes, how many?					
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7. Has there been any evidence of recurrence?					
☐ Yes. Please give details					
8. Date and results of last follow up imaging studies and/or lab testing.					
9. Has your client smoked cigarettes in the last 12	months?				
☐ Yes ☐ No					
10. Does your client have any other major health problems (e.g., heart disease, etc.)?					
☐ Yes. Please give details					