



Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
Legislative Priorities
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The Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA) calls upon Members of Congress to expand critical federal ovarian cancer research, prevention, early detection and education programs by:

- Providing \$10 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 to support implementation of *Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Education and Awareness Act (P.L. 109-475)*, to educate women and health professionals about the signs and symptoms of ovarian and other gynecologic cancers so they can be detected at the earliest and most treatable stage;
- Allocating \$10 million in FY 2011 for the Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative, housed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to continue and expand its efforts to answer questions regarding the provision of optimal care, patterns of diagnosis and risk perception for women with ovarian cancer;
- Appropriating \$30 million in FY 2011 for the Department of Defense (DoD) Ovarian Cancer Research Program to allow DoD to maintain current research and expand innovative investigations into early detection and screening tools;
- Cosponsoring the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Resolution (H.RES. 1488/S.RES. 555) declaring September to be Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and recognizing the need for greater awareness of ovarian cancer, the deadliest of gynecologic cancers, and its symptoms; and
- Cosponsoring and enacting legislation (H.R. 2941/S. 3493) to reauthorize *Johanna's Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act* so CDC's efforts are sustained and strengthened.

Taken together, these actions will help ensure that our nation makes progress toward identifying ovarian cancer at its earliest stage and reducing mortality from the disease. OCNA stands ready to work with Members of Congress, health professionals and the public to increase early detection and survival rates for women with ovarian cancer.

Ovarian Cancer Has a Devastating Impact on Women, Families and the Nation

Ovarian cancer will kill more than 15,000 women this year, and due to the lack of an effective early detection test, less than 20 percent of ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed early, when the disease is most treatable. Tragically, the overall death rate from ovarian cancer essentially has remained unchanged over the past twenty years. With more than 21,000 new ovarian cancer diagnoses each year, more must be done to identify this deadly disease at its earliest and most treatable stage.

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