

# Women, Sex & Cancer



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**FINALLY.** A place for all women and the people who love them to talk openly about how cancer affects sex; a place to get answers from experts who are compassionate, knowledgeable and sensitive, and who are national leaders in the field of women's sexual health. **PRISM** is a multi-specialty treatment center where women and girls affected by cancer can preserve and recover a full sexual life.

## Understanding the link between cancer and sex

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Women and girls with cancer sometimes experience sexual problems because of their illness, treatments and recovery process. Patients can feel alone, sad, and overwhelmed. Our multidisciplinary team members are national leaders in female sexual medicine and therapy and specialists in treating women and girls affected by cancer. We offer private, personalized, straightforward information that benefits women of all ages, sexual identities, and relationship types.



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**Our program welcomes all women and girls affected by cancer and those who love them**

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**OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE SEXUAL FUNCTION IN WOMEN AND GIRLS AFFECTED BY CANCER.**

## Meet the team



**Stacy Tessler Lindau, MD, MAPP;**  
Gynecology and Program Director  
Specializing in the preservation and study of sexual health of women through all stages of their lives

**S. Diane Yamada, MD;** Chief,  
Section of Gynecologic Oncology  
Specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of gynecological cancers

**Judith Florendo, DPT;** Physical  
Therapy  
Specializing in pelvic and general physical therapy for people with pain, incontinence and sexual function issues related to cancer

**Shirley R. Baron, PhD;** Psychology  
Specializing in couples, marital and sex therapy of adults affected by cancer

### The Comprehensive Cancer Center

PRISM is part of the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center, which pursues innovative ways to prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat cancer, and help its survivors. The Center expands understanding about cancer through laboratory, clinical and translational research, clinical trials and community outreach.  
[cancer.uchicago.edu](http://cancer.uchicago.edu)

### COMMON QUESTIONS OUR PATIENTS ASK:

- › What effect will cancer have on my sex life?
- › How will the treatments affect my ability to have sex?
- › Can I have sex again without pain?
- › It's been a long time since I've had sex; is it safe to start again?
- › Is there anything I can do to improve my sex life after cancer?

### WE HELP WOMEN WITH CANCER MANAGE AND RECOVER FROM:

- › Painful sex
- › Vaginal dryness
- › Loss of interest in sex, low libido, and fear of sex
- › Difficulty having orgasm
- › Little or no pleasure with sex
- › Uncertainty about physical changes, including genital changes, after cancer
- › Incontinence or fears about loss of bowel or bladder control during sex

### WE OFFER TEENAGERS, YOUNG WOMEN AND THEIR LOVED ONES CANDID, COMPASSIONATE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT:

- › How cancer and treatments might affect future sex life
- › How to talk about sex with parents and partners
- › Sexual development after cancer treatment

## Sex matters

Women and girls with cancer may have sexual problems that can develop as a result of cancer and cancer treatment. We help women understand what's happening to their bodies and how to manage these conditions. We work with women, girls and those who love them.



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