## Questions to ask your Qunaecologist surgeon

These questions are designed to support you to get the most out of your appointment with your gynaecologist surgeon.

- 1. What are the positives and negatives of having a preventative oophorectomy?
- 2. After I have had a preventative surgery, what will the risk of ovarian cancer be?
- 3. What are the surgery choices?
- 4. Which surgery would you recommend for me?
- 5. What does the surgery involve?
- 6. What kind of complications can arise with this type of surgery?
- 7. Do you test the ovary tissue for cancerous/abnormal cells?
- 8. How long have you been performing these surgeries?
- 9. How many visits will I have with you and what are the costs involved?
- 10. What kind of anaesthesia will I have?
- 11. How long does the surgery take?
- 12. How long will I stay in hospital?
- 13. What is the recovery time?
- 14. When should I start physiotherapy, exercising and going back to work?
- 15. Will there be any drains and how long will they be in?
- 16. Will there be any sutures to remove after surgery?
- 17. What is a normal recovery in terms of pain?
- 18. How long will I be experiencing pain after the procedure?
- 19. Will there be any scars and if so, what can I do to minimize the scaring after surgery?
- 20. Am I able to take HRT to manage surgical menopause? If not, what are my options?

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