

## Peritoneal cytology (Non-core)

Positive peritoneal cytology is no longer part of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Staging System, but the results of the peritoneal cytology may provide risk-stratification. As a consequence, consideration for adjuvant therapy may be discussed in multidisciplinary tumour board meetings. Positive peritoneal cytology has been shown to be an independent prognostic factor for serous carcinoma regardless of stage and it will be important to report for other invasive carcinomas.<sup>1-4</sup>

There is lack of consensus in the literature regarding the prognostic significance of positive peritoneal washings in the absence of other evidence of extrauterine spread, and it is also unclear whether the method of hysteroscopy or operative procedure may influence the likelihood of positive peritoneal washings.<sup>5</sup> FIGO and the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) recommend to record positive peritoneal washings but without altering the tumour stage.<sup>4,6</sup>

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