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Obese women lower survival rates for ovarian cancer

The survival rate for obese women with ovarian cancer is almost 20 per cent worse than for women with a healthy weight, a conference of cancer experts in Brisbane will be told today (14/11).

Melinda Protani, researcher at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, will present the review of survival rates for women with ovarian cancer at the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane.

“Obesity affects not only our risk of getting ovarian cancer, but also our chances of survival,” said Ms Protani. “We don’t know why obesity negatively impacts survival, but we do know it’s a factor that can be modified through lifestyle changes.”

[Wednesday, 9.30-9.45am Room P1, Brisbane Convention Centre](#)

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