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Press release (Danish)

Tidligere opsporing af æggestokkræft i almen praksis

Æggestokkræft er den dødeligste kræft i underlivet, da den ofte har spredt sig på diagnosetidspunktet. Screening for æggestokkræft anbefales ikke, da det ikke synes at reducere dødeligheden. Derfor er det vigtigt at opspore æggestokkræft på tidlige stadier på baggrund af symptomer, og her spiller almen praksis en afgørende rolle. Men hvor ofte er den praktiserende læge involveret i diagnosen af æggestokkræft? Hvilke symptomer præsenterer kvinderne initialt? Hvor ofte benytter praktiserende læger kræftpakken, når æggestokkræft skal diagnosticeres? Har kvinder, som er tilknyttet en praktiserende læge der oftere henviser til transvaginal ultralydsundersøgelser, større sandsynlighed for at blive diagnosticeret med æggestokkræft på et tidligere stadie end kvinder, som er tilknyttet en læge med færre henvisninger? Og kunne direkte adgang til transvaginal ultralyd fra egen læge være en god metode til tidligere opsporing af æggestokkræft blandt kvinder med vage og uspecifikke symptomer? Disse spørgsmål er belyst i et nyt ph.d.-projekt fra Aarhus Universitet, Health. Projektet er gennemført af Marie-Louise Ladegaard Baun, der forsvare det d. 2. juli 2019.

Forsvaret af ph.d.-projektet er offentligt og finder sted den 02 juli 2019 kl. 14 i Samfundsmedicinsk Auditorium (lokale 101), bygning 1262, Bartholins Allé 4, Aarhus Universitet. Titlen på projektet er "Earlier detection of ovarian cancer in general practice". Yderligere oplysninger: Ph.d.-studerende Marie-Louise Ladegaard Baun, e-mail: malu@ph.au.dk, tlf. 50916035.

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Press release (English)

Earlier detection of ovarian cancer in general practice

Ovarian cancer (OC) is the most lethal gynaecological malignancy, which is primarily explained by late-stage diagnosis. Screening in the general population has not proven effective, which leaves evaluation of symptomatic women as the best opportunity for early detection of OC. But how often is the general practitioner (GP) involved in the diagnosis of ovarian cancer? Which symptoms do women with ovarian cancer initially present with? How often does the GP use the urgent referral pathway? Are women listed with a GP with high rates of transvaginal ultrasound examinations more likely to be

diagnosed with early stage ovarian cancer compared to women listed with a GP with low examination rates? And could direct access to transvaginal ultrasound through general practice for women presenting with vague non-specific symptoms be a feasible tool in the detection of early stage ovarian cancer? The PhD project was carried out by Marie-Louise Ladegaard Baun, who will be defending her PhD dissertation on 02 July 2019.

The defence is public and takes place on 02 July 2019 at Public Health Auditorium (room 101), building 1262, Bartholins Allé 4, Aarhus University, Denmark. The title of the project is "Earlier detection of ovarian cancer in general practice". For more information, please contact PhD student Marie-Louise Ladegaard Baun, email: malu@ph.au.dk, Phone +45 50916035.

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