

# Ovarian Cancer Screening

Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) and local area businesses throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky are partners supporting ovarian cancer screening to reduce the mortality due to ovarian cancer in Kentucky women.

## **Eligibility for Ovarian Screening:**

- All women over the age of 50 (including those who have no symptoms and no personal history of ovarian cancer) are eligible for a free ovarian cancer screening.
- Women over the age of 25 who have a family history of ovarian cancer are also eligible for a free screening.
- Any woman in one of these two groups should contact us to schedule an appointment.

Ovarian Cancer is one of the deadliest cancers affecting American women today.

## **Screening:**

Ovarian cancer screening is performed using ultrasound (sound waves). These sound waves can form an accurate picture of each ovary, and even small tumors can be detected. The screening procedure is painless and takes 5-10 minutes. At present, ovarian cancer screening is recommended at yearly intervals and is performed at the University of Kentucky free of charge. Thus far, ovarian cancer screening has been effective in detecting ovarian cancer at an early stage when it is curable.

For more information regarding local group appointments or to schedule an appointment, contact the Breckinridge County Extension Office at (270) 756-2182.

For additional information: <http://ovarianscreening.info/>