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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about this type of cancer and how to treat it. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Doctors are working to learn more about vaginal cancer, ways to prevent it, how to best treat it, and how to provide the best care to people diagnosed with this disease. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through [clinical trials](#) [3]. Always talk with your doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for you.

HPV research. Researchers are working to learn more about the link between HPV and vaginal cancer.

Enhanced surgical and radiation techniques. Advances are being made in surgery and radiation therapy to increase cure rates and reduce treatment side effects. This includes vaginal reconstructive surgery after advanced surgery to treat the cancer.

New chemotherapy. Researchers continue to investigate new drugs and new combinations of existing treatments for vaginal cancer, such as combining chemotherapy with radiation therapy.

Supportive care. Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and side effects of current vaginal cancer treatments in order to improve patients' comfort and quality of life.

To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your doctor or [search online clinical trial databases now](#) [4].

The next section addresses how to cope with the symptoms of the disease or the side effects of its treatment. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Coping with Side Effects, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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