

## **APPENDIX 4**

### **POSSIBLE SEXUALITY ISSUES INVOLVED WITH GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER SURGERY**



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Treatment	Low Sexual Desire	Less Vaginal Moisture	Reduced Vaginal Size	Painful Intercourse	Trouble Reaching Orgasm	Infertility
Chemotherapy	Sometimes	Often	Rarely	Often	Rarely	Often
Pelvic radiation therapy	Rarely	Often	Often	Often	Rarely	Always
Radical hysterectomy	Rarely	Often *	Often	Rarely	Rarely	Always
Removal of the ovaries	Rarely	Often *	Always	Sometimes	Rarely	Always
Bowel resection	Sometimes	Often *	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely	Sometimes
Total pelvic exenteration with vaginal reconstruction	Sometimes	Always	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Always
Radical vulvectomy	Rarely	Never	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Never
Conization of the cervix	Never	Never	Never	Rarely	Never	Rarely
Oophorectomy (removal of one tube & ovary)	Rarely	Never *	Never *	Rarely	Never	Rarely
Oophorectomy (removal of both tubes & ovaries)	Rarely	Often *	Never *	Rarely *	Rarely	Always
Progesterone therapy for uterine cancer	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Sometimes	Rarely	Always

\* Vaginal dryness and size changes should not occur if one ovary is able to be retained or if hormone replacement therapy is undertaken.

Source: *Submission 9, Attachment 3, p.2 (Ms Alexa Rosengarten).*