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Gynecologic Endoscopic Surgery*

Endometriosis

Endometriosis is a condition which occurs when endometrial tissue, the tissue that lines the uterus and is shed during menstruation, grows outside the uterus. When this growth occurs outside the uterus, endometrial tissue can develop painful implants which are most common on the ovaries, the fallopian tubes and the ligaments that support the uterus. Other possible sites for endometrial growths are the bladder, bowel, and vagina.

Although endometriosis is not curable, the condition does tend to disappear when the woman reaches menopause, due to hormonal changes at that time. Treatment options may include surgery, drug therapy or a combination of the two. The objective of surgical treatment is to excise the endometrial implants and/or the organs that have been affected by the disease. The objective of drug therapy is to suppress a woman's levels of estrogen and progesterone, which stimulate the endometrial growths.

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