

## September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

- Ovarian cancer ranks second among gynecological cancers, and it accounts for about 3 percent of all cancers among women.
- My name is Janet Olszewski and I am the Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health.
- September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Without an effective screening test, Ovarian Cancer usually is not diagnosed in its early stage.
- That's why it's important to pay attention to symptoms such as bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating, and urinary symptoms affecting urgency or frequency.
- Women who have these symptoms daily for more than a few weeks should consult a gynecologist, for a thorough examination.
- For more information on ovarian cancer visit our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch).