



Talcum Powder

Talcum powder is a mineral mainly composed of magnesium, silicon, and oxygen, making it structurally similar to asbestos. It is widely used in cosmetic products due to its ability to absorb moisture without irritating the skin.

What You Should Know

Data collected in 1982 suggests that the particles in the talcum powder could make their way through the female reproductive system to the ovaries, causing inflammation and fostering an environment conducive to the growth of cancer cells.

In 2013, manufacturer Johnson & Johnson was faced with its first lawsuit involving the relationship between its talcum powder products and ovarian cancer. The company admitted to knowing about the risks of talcum powder *FOR YEARS*, but had not deemed it necessary to warn consumers.

Ovarian cancer claims the lives of more than 14,000 women each year in the United States. Some of those deaths may be connected to the use of talcum powder for perineal hygiene.



The **symptoms** of Ovarian Cancer can include:

- Bloating
- Change in bowel habits
- Fluid in the abdomen
- Indigestion
- Nausea
- Pain in the abdomen or pelvis



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