

Endometriosis: What Women Are Saying

Learn what a few ERC women are saying about their experience with Endometriosis and the medical community. These testimonials were provided to the Endometriosis Research Center by women with Endometriosis.

"My doctor told me it was all in my head. How can that be, when my pain is so bad I can't function?"

"I can't seem to get effective treatment for my symptoms. I'm on my seventh doctor already!"

"My physician told me I couldn't still have Endometriosis, because I had a hysterectomy."

"My doctor said for me to have a baby, because it will 'cure' my Endometriosis. I'm not ready for that!"

"These hormone treatments aren't helping; they are actually making me sicker. When does it ever end??"

"My appointment was horrible. My doctor does not believe my pain. I left the office in tears."

"My friends say killer cramps are normal. Suffering like this can't possibly be normal!"

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Make A Difference For Your Patients!

Endometriosis is a reproductive and immunological disease affecting over 7 million American women and teens, with nearly 80 million more worldwide: twice the number of Alzheimer's patients, and seven times those with Parkinson's disease. The illness is a leading cause of female infertility, chronic pelvic pain and gynecologic surgery, and accounts for more than half of the 600,000 hysterectomies performed in the United States annually.

Recent studies have also shown an elevated risk of certain cancers and other illnesses in women with the disease. Endometriosis is more prevalent than breast cancer, yet continues to be treated as an insignificant, obscure ailment. The physical, emotional and financial impact of Endometriosis can be life altering to a woman or teen and her family.

The average delay in obtaining an accurate Endometriosis diagnosis is a startling 9 years, and a woman or teen

may go through as many as 5 or more physicians before she is properly diagnosed and treated. Even after confirmation of diagnosis, some patients are still subjected to inadequate care and insufficient treatment of their symptoms.

Be the healthcare professional that makes the difference in an Endometriosis patient's life! Identify yourself and your practice as a provider who cares about those with this disease:

- order educational ERC brochures for your office;
- give a presentation to your local ERC support group meeting;
- submit content to the ERC Newsletter;
- order the latest Endometriosis educational materials for your staff and your patients;
- participate in our Professional Advisory Panel;
- make a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the ERC in honor of your Endometriosis patients; or
- support our mission in your own way.

Fill out the attached material request form and send it back to our offices soon. You will be helping your patients to live well in spite of Endometriosis!

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month

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Material Request Form for Health Professionals

PART 1 - MAILING INFORMATION

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PART 2 - MATERIALS TO OFFER PATIENTS

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	ERC General Endometriosis Brochure	n/c	\$0
	ERC Yellow Ribbon Awareness Cards	n/c	\$0
	ERC Business Cards	n/n	\$0
SUB-TOTAL			\$0

When ordering the above Materials, please order a quantity of 50, 100 or 150. Thank you.

Following is a brief description of each of the Endometriosis materials listed above:

ERC General Endometriosis Brochure: This tri-fold brochure was designed to be placed in offices of healthcare professionals who treat women with Endometriosis.

ERC Yellow Ribbon Awareness Cards: Help raise awareness about Endometriosis and/or inform your patients that the ERC exists! The cards have ERC contact information printed on them, and a yellow-satin ribbon is attached. Our suggestion is to put the cards in a basket and place it in your patient waiting area so everyone passing through has the opportunity to have one.

ERC Business Cards: Some professionals prefer to keep ERC business cards on hand to distribute to patients and/or to place in their waiting area.

PART 3 - DONATION

I would like to make a donation to the ERC in the amount of:	\$
SUB-TOTAL:	\$

PART 4 - ERC ITEMS

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	ERC Water Bottle	\$5.00	
	ERC License Plate Frame	\$3.50	
	ERC License Plate Frame (3 or more)	\$3.00	
	ERC Tote Bag	\$10.00	
	ERC Gift Shop Catalog	n/c	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

PART 5 - CONFERENCES

In 2000 and 2001, the ERC held Symposiums, which focused on Endometriosis research and treatment. World renowned experts on Endometriosis spoke at each event, and the conferences are well-suited for patients and medical professionals who treat Endometriosis. Topics include immune therapy, aromatase inhibitors, pain mapping, hernias, and more.

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	ERC Endo Symposium 2000 Video	\$20.00	
	ERC Endo Symposium 2001 Transcript	\$20.00	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

PART 6 - ARTICLES

Although written for patients, the following Articles offer interesting perspectives on Endometriosis. Most of the Articles were written by Endometriosis Specialists.

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	Liver Health Article	\$2.00	
	Adenomyosis Article	\$1.00	
	Diaphragmatic Endo Article	\$2.00	
	Endo and Infertility Article	\$2.00	
	Men and Endo Article	\$1.00	
	Birth Control Pill Article	\$1.00	
	Patient-Assisted Laparoscopy (Pain Mapping)	\$2.00	
	Work & Endometriosis: Legal Issues	\$1.00	
	Dr. Metzger's 4 Pillars of Healing	\$2.00	
	Endo & Abnormal Bleeding	\$1.00	
	Acing the Anger (a personal story about having endo and getting a hyst at a young age)	\$1.00	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

Please see other side for additional materials available

PART 7 - FACT SHEETS

Written for patients, the following Fact Sheets provide credible, factual information and statistics about various topics related to Endometriosis.

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	Endometriosis Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Lupron/GnRH Agonists Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Lupron/GnRH Agonists F. S. with Lupron Articles	\$3.00	
	Laparoscopy Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Laparotomy Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Pre-Hysterectomy Fact Sheet	\$2.00	
	Post-Hysterectomy Fact Sheet	\$2.00	
	Alternative Therapies Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Endo and the Bladder Fact Sheet	\$2.00	
	Danazol Fact Sheet	\$1.00	
	Natural Progesterone	\$2.00	
	Managing Chronic Pain	\$2.00	
	Endometriosis of the Cervix	\$1.00	
	Sciatic Endometriosis	\$1.00	
	Hormone Horrors (ERC article on Premarin)	\$2.00	
	The Future of Research & Treatment (article by the ERC; updated annually)	\$2.00	
	Luna and PSN's	\$1.00	
	Use of GnRH prior to diagnosis	\$2.00	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

PART 8 - BOOKS

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	Coping With Endometriosis - by Robert H. Phillips, Ph.D. and Glenda Motta, RN	\$15.95 + \$4 s/h = \$19.95	
	Successful Living with Endometriosis (An Action Workbook) - by Robert H. Phillips, Ph.D. and Glenda Motta, RN	\$19.95 + \$4 s/h = \$23.95	
	Sick and Tired of Feeling Sick and Tired - by Paul J. Donoghue, Ph.D. and Mary E. Siegel, Ph.D.	\$14.95 + \$4 s/h = \$18.95	
	Step Right Up & Take Your Chances (A personal journey through endometriosis, infertility, and adoption) by Maureen Linse-Adras	\$14.95 + \$4 s/h = \$18.95	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

PART 9 - REVIEWS

Although written for patients, the following Reviews offer interesting findings. Most of the Reviews include scientific abstracts and/or medical information from healthcare professionals.

QTY	ITEM	AMT	TOTAL
	Appendix and Endo	\$1.00	
	Aspartame	\$3.00	
	Aromatase Inhibitors Overview	\$5.00	
	Endometriosis and Dioxins	\$3.00	
	Woman 2 Woman: An investigation into the Lesbian Endo Experience	\$3.00	
	Endo and the Lung	\$3.00	
	Ovarian Remnants	\$2.00	
SUB-TOTAL			\$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Part 2: Donation Amount	\$
Please add sub-totals from Parts 4 through 9	\$
Canada: If requesting items from Parts 4 - 9, please add \$5.00 to assist with shipping and handling:	\$
International: If requesting items from Parts 4 - 9, please add \$10.00 to assist with shipping and handling:	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT:	\$

NOTE: Individuals in the U.S. who order materials do not need to add shipping and handling.

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VISA MASTERCARD

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