

Taller women face greater cancer risk - study

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Tall women are more likely to develop ovarian cancer than their shorter friends, UK research suggests.

Oxford University scientists reviewed 47 studies involving more than 100,000 women - many of them with ovarian cancer - and found a link with height.

They also found the disease is more common in overweight women.

Every two inches in height increased the odds of developing the disease by 7 per cent.

The researchers said tall women could simply have more cells that can become cancerous.

Growth hormones may also play a role, the journal PLoS medicine reports.

Dr Paul Pharoah, a Cambridge University cancer expert, said while the analysis was valid, the impact on individual women would be small.

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