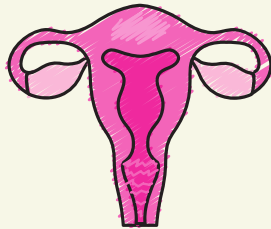




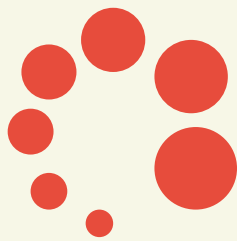
What is deep infiltrating pelvic endometriosis?

This type of endometriosis is called “deeply infiltrating” or “deeply infiltrative endometriosis” (DIE, for short). It is when endometriotic tissue is found more than 5 mm below the peritoneal surface.



The extent of deep infiltrating endometriosis:

This type of disease may penetrate as deep as the bowel, bladder, and ureters. Its colo-rectal depth requires surgical treatment, commonly called, "laparoscopy".



Types of endometriosis:

- Superficial - the peritoneum is a thin membrane that lines your abdomen and pelvis.
- Endometriomas - cysts filled with dark fluid, mostly blood.
- Deeply infiltrating endometriosis - penetrating deeper than 5mm below the peritoneal surface.
- Abdominal wall endometriosis - intramuscular.



Stages of endometriosis:

- Stage 1 - minimal. There's little to no scar tissue.
- Stage 2 - mild. There are more implants than in stage one. They're also deeper in the tissue.
- Stage 3 - moderate. There are many deep implants. There also may be small cysts on one or both ovaries, and scar tissue called adhesions.
- Stage 4 - severe. This is widespread. There are many deep implants and thick adhesions. There are also large cysts on one or both ovaries.

The treatment of deep infiltrating endometriosis is complex. This is why you have to find the right surgical team.