

## ***Endometriosis***

Endometriosis is a disorder where the lining of the uterus, known as the endometrium, grows in other places. The lining can proliferate and cause scarring on the fallopian tubes, ovaries, or the tissue lining the pelvis; this can produce pain and/or infertility issues.

Many people with endometriosis have pain preceding menses, but may also have pain throughout the month. Some women with endometriosis will have difficulty getting pregnant.

Endometriosis can be difficult to diagnose. Although a thorough history and physical and ultrasound can give clues, the only way to be certain is through surgical visualization most often accomplished by an outpatient laparoscopy. Treatment can include many different types of hormone therapy as well as surgery.