

An endometrioma is a type of cyst formed when endometriosis tissue (similar to the mucous membrane that makes up the inner layer of the uterine wall) grows in the ovaries. It affects women during the reproductive years and may cause chronic pelvic pain associated with menstruation.

Endometriomas are often filled with dark, reddish-brown blood, and may range in size from 2-20cm.

Treatment for an ovarian endometrioma is laparoscopic cystectomy (surgical removal of an ovarian cyst). Occasionally, the whole ovary may need to be removed.

Rarely, cancers can occur in endometriosis and an endometrioma. If there is any concern about possible cancer, Dr Farrell will perform a **frozen section** (pathological assessment) of the cyst at the time of surgery. The extent of surgery, if a cancer is found, will always be agreed upon with you prior to your operation.