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With a full-time job, two teenage daughters and a household to run, Natalie Dixon's fatigue was initially put down to an iron deficiency.

"I thought, ok, early forties, hormones are changing, just feeling tired, but that's nothing out of the ordinary." Natalie said.

Six months later however, Natalie's abdomen started swelling at an

"I knew from the radiologist's tone of voice during my ultrasound that something was very wrong," she said.

With a large mass on one ovary, Natalie was wheeled into theatre just weeks later, not knowing what her doctors may find.

"It took more than seven hours, and they basically had to remove everything from my abdomen that I didn't need to survive—a full hysterectomy so uterus, tubes, ovaries and cervix. The layer of fat and blood vessels from my stomach, colon, pelvis and diaphragm, and my appendix and aortic lymph node were removed," she said.

There was an avocado-sized tumour fused to Natalie's bowel, giving her surgeon no choice but to remove around 20 centimetres of bowel and then join it back together, leaving her with an ileostomy stoma.

"I got the diagnosis as I woke up from surgery—stage 3a ovarian cancer. You've got seven doctors standing around your bed, and when they finally left it was just my nurse Bron, and all that came out of my mouth was, am I going to die?



Above right: Natalie and her partner Andrew on the road to recovery

"Looking back on that moment, I feel so bad for asking that. It was so surreal, but she tried so hard to keep that conversation positive for me,"

It's only now, almost a year after her final round of chemotherapy, that Natalie can truly appreciate how lucky she was to survive.

"By the time I got any physical symptoms, my cancer was off and running. I never knew anything about ovarian cancer before that, but it's such a scary cancer because survival rates are still so low.

"Supporting research into ovarian cancer is vital because we have to change this journey for other women going forward," she said.

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