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> *As to tumor masses, you mean that there are none that  
> have been detected. One won't know definitively until  
> one takes a look.*

Yes. But I think that at least I can be somewhat confident that any masses are small or flat. Surely the CT scan would pick up a 1cm mass. (I understand it's resolution is down into the millimeter range).

> *She needs a diagnostic laparoscopy with ovarian biopsies or removal,  
> subdiaphragmatic washings for cytology, omentectomy. Many gynecologists  
> won't do this laparsocopically.*

That you for this bit of very valuable info. I'll be sure to ask about it.

I don't know if the surgeon will opt to do it laparsocopically or by laparotomy. She may also choose to just do a single operation to diagnose and remove tissue. I understand that it's even possible to make the tests "live". (as in: open the patient, do washings/sample tissue, get an answer from the lab while patient is still on the table, and decide on what tissues to remove immediately)

Thank you.