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A light therapy used to treat skin cancer and sun spots is emerging as a promising treatment for reaching cancer cells deep in the body, with Melbourne researchers finding the first evidence of its ability to kill ovarian tumours.

Hudson Institute of Medical Research has found that a treatment called photodynamic light therapy is able to shrink ovarian cancers in mice dramatically, while sparing the surrounding healthy tissue.