



# New health crisis for Barbra Streisand

## Music legend battling symptoms similar to her cancer scare 3 years ago

**T**HREE years after undergoing a cancer-scare surgery, Barbra Streisand still lives in fear of the disease – and is facing a new health crisis, say sources.

The 65-year-old superstar is heavily stressed and exhausted – and is still suffering the physical consequences of menopausal symptoms, according to insiders.

The draining physical problems are all too reminiscent of how she felt when doctors removed polyps from her colon in a cancer scare in late 2004.

“Barbra’s never gotten over that day when her doctor told her polyps on her colon could turn into cancer,” an insider told **THE ENQUIRER**.

In our Dec. 27, 2004, issue, **THE ENQUIRER** reported exclusively that Barbra underwent secret colon surgery.

Now she is struggling to cope with a new range of problems – including fluctuating weight, revealed the insider.

“No matter how she tries to diet, she seems to keep gaining weight – and then worries there’s something wrong with her metabolism.

“Barbra is also still suffering from extreme menopausal symptoms.

“She has hot flashes and night sweats, body aches, and mood swings that make her incredibly irritable and on edge. She even

considered having a hysterectomy at one point.”

Medical experts say most women reach menopause between the ages of 45 and 55, but some experience symptoms well into their 60s – as appears to be the case with Streisand.

After menopause, women face risks of breast and uterine cancer as well as osteoporosis and heart disease – and overweight women are particularly at risk for breast cancer, according to a recent Harvard study.

“I think Barbra is very aware of these health factors, and it makes her only more concerned that something is wrong.”

Adding to the singer’s stress, say sources, are the recent southern California wildfires, which came perilously close to her Malibu estate and caused her temporary breathing difficulties.

The pressure of all these problems has left high-strung Streisand extremely on edge.

As we recently reported, Barbra was in near hysterics when she had to have stitches removed from a leg laceration that occurred while inspecting new construction on her property.

And now she’s reportedly “worried sick” over a mid-November Las Vegas performance.

Concluded the insider: “All the worry and health fears are taking their toll on her physically.”

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