What Is Cancer?



Different Kinds of Cancer



Naming Cancers

Prefix	Meaning
adeno- chondro-	gland cartilage
erythro-	red blood cell
hemangio-	blood vessels
hepato-	liver
lipo-	fat
lympho-	lymphocyte
melano-	pigment cell
myelo-	bone marrow
myo-	muscle
osteo-	bone

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Mitosis = Cell Division

Cells Divide for several reasons:

- Organism is growing
- Cell has been damaged
- Cell is too old to function properly
- Cell has become too large to be efficient

Example of Normal Growth



The Beginning of Cancerous Growth



Tumors (Neoplasms)



Underlying tissue

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Invasion and Metastasis (Spreading)



Cancer cells reinvade and grow at new location

Malignant versus Benign Tumors

Benign (not cancer) tumor cells grow only locally and cannot spread by invasion or metastasis

Malignant (cancer) cells invade neighboring tissues, enter blood vessels, and metastasize to different sites

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Time

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Why Cancer Is Potentially Dangerous



Cancer Detection and Diagnosis



Early Cancer May Not Have Any Symptoms



Cervical Cancer Screening



Prostate and Ovarian Cancer Screening



Biopsy



Microscopic Appearance of Cancer Cells



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Normal kidney



Normal pancreas



Prostate carcinoma



Renal cell carcinoma



Pancreatic carcinoma



GBM - scattered



GBM - diffuse



Hyperplasia



Normal



Hyperplasia

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Dysplasia







Mild dysplasia

Normal

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Carcinoma in Situ





Hyperplasia



Mild dysplasia Carcinoma in situ (severe dysplasia)



What Causes Cancer?



Population-Based Studies

Regions of Highest Incidence



Heredity? Behaviors? Other Factors?



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Low-Strength Radiation



High-Strength Radiation



Tobacco Use and Cancer

Some Cancer-Causing Chemicals in Tobacco Smoke

aminostilbene indeno[1,2,3-c d]pyrene S-methylchrysene arsenic benz[a]anthracene S-methylfluoranthene alpha-naphthylamine benz[a]pyrene nickel compounds benzene benzo[b]fluoranthene **N-nitrosodimethylamine** benzo[c]phenanthrene benzo[f]fluoranthene cadmium chrysene dibenz[a c]anthracene dibenzo[a e]fluoranthene dibenz[a h]acridine dibenz[a j]acridine dibenzo[c g]carbazone **N-dibutyInitrosamine** 2,3-dimethylchrysene

N-nitrosomethylethylamine N-nitrosodiethylamine N-nitrosonornicotine N-nitrosoanabasine N-nitrosopiperidine ylamine polonium-210

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Lag Time

20-Year Lag Time Between Smoking and Lung Cancer



Viruses

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Virus inserts and changes genes for cell growth



Examples of Human Cancer Viruses

Some Viruses Associated with Human Cancers

Virus	Type of Cancer
Epstein-Barr virus	Burkitt's lymphoma
Human papillomavirus	Cervical cancer
Hepatitis B virus	Liver cancer
Human T-cell lymphotrophic virus	Adult T-cell leukemia
Kaposi's sarcoma- associated herpesvirus	Kaposi's sarcoma

Bacteria and Stomach Cancer



Heredity and Cancer

All Breast Cancer Patients



Inherited factor(s)Other factor(s)

Genetic Testing



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Genes and Cancer



DNA Structure



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DNA Mutation



Normal gene





Oncogenes

Normal cell



Oncogenes accelerate

cell growth 🚺 and division

Cancer cell

Mutated/damaged oncogene

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Tumor Suppressor Genes

Normal cell

Remove or inactivate tumor suppressor genes

Cancer cell

Mutated/inactivated tumor suppressor genes

Damage to both genes leads to cancer

Normal genes

prevent cancer

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Tumor Suppressor Genes Act Like a Brake Pedal







Cancer Tends to Involve Multiple Mutations



Time

Mutation Cells inactivates prolife suppressor gene

Cells Mutations proliferate inactivate DNA repair genes Proto-oncogenes mutate to oncogenes More mutations, more genetic instability, metastatic disease

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Cytokines, proteases = migration & invasion

How is Cancer Treated?

Surgery: Operation to remove cancerous tumor and affected tissues

Chemotherapy: Chemicals are injected into the body that kill cancer cells.

Radiation: Strong electromagnetic waves are focused on the cancerous cells, killing them.

Cancer Prevention



Avoid Tobacco



Protect Yourself From Excessive Sunlight



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Limit Alcohol and Tobacco

Combination of Alcohol and Cigarettes Increases Risk for Cancer of the Esophagus



Diet: Limit Fats and Calories



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Diet: Consume Fruits and Vegetables



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Avoid Carcinogens at Work

Some Carcinogens in the Workplace

Carcinogen	Occupation	Type of Cancer
Arsenic	Mining, pesticide workers	Lung, skin, liver
Asbestos	Construction workers	Lung, mesothelioma
Benzene	Petroleum, rubber, chemical workers	Leukemia
Chromium	Metal workers, electroplaters	Lung
Leather dust	Shoe manufacturing	Nasal, bladder
Naphthylamine	Chemical, dye, rubber workers	Bladder
Radon	Underground mining	Lung
Soots, tars, oils	Coal, gas, petroleum workers	Lung, skin, liver
Vinyl chloride	Rubber workers, polyvinyl chloride manufacturing	Liver
Wood dust	Furniture manufacturing	Nasal

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Cancer Statistics

- One in three people will develop cancer.
- One in four people will die of cancer.
- In 2005, about 1.4 million new cases of cancer were diagnosed.
- More than 1500 Americans died each day of cancer this year.
- Over 1,000,000 cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed this year.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death among Americans under the age of 85.

Is There a Cancer "Epidemic"?

