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Cancer Basics [1]

This section provides information on the following topics:

What is Cancer? [2]

Cancer is a group of more than 100 different diseases characterized by the uncontrolled, abnormal growth of cells. These cells form a lump or mass called a tumor. This section contains information about cancer.

The Cancer Care Team [3]

Learn how multiple professionals work as part of a health care team, which often includes oncologists, oncology nurses, and additional health care professionals.

What is Metastasis? [4]

Metastasis is the medical term for cancer that spreads to a different part of the body from where it started. This article explains how metastasis happens and how it is treated.

[Understanding Statistics Used to Guide Prognosis and Evaluate Treatment \[5\]](#)

When people are diagnosed with cancer, one of the first things they may want to know is their chance of survival and recovery. Understanding survival statistics becomes extremely important, yet it can also be confusing.

[Genetics \[6\]](#)

Genetics is the study of how traits and diseases are inherited from one generation to the next. This section provides information on genetics and cancer, genetic testing, and genetic information for individual cancer types.

[Medical Illustrations Gallery \[7\]](#)

Full-color illustrations of common sites where cancer occurs, organized by cancer type, including a version that can be downloaded and printed on an 8.5" x 11" page. The gallery includes both anatomical illustrations and illustrations of the cancers by stage.

[Cancer Terms: Cancer Basics \[8\]](#)

This article defines basic oncology terms, including those used in the detection of cancer.

[Cancer Terms: Research Statistics \[10\]](#)

This article defines statistics terms used in cancer research.

[Cancer Terms: Treatment \[12\]](#)

This article defines cancer terms that you may hear your doctor use when you are being treated for cancer.

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This article defines cancer terms that you may hear your doctor use once you have finished treatment.

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Links to medical dictionary websites.

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