

CANCER AND CHEMOTHERAPY

WHAT IS CANCER?

Cancer is a disease of the body's cells. Healthy cells of the body grow in predictable patterns. As they wear out, they are replaced in an orderly manner by just the right number of new healthy cells. Cancer occurs when abnormal cells in the body multiply at an uncontrollable rate. These cancerous cells grow at such speed that your body cannot properly deal with them, and can form a lump or tumour.

There are many different types of cancers. What type of cancer you have depends on the area of the body that the abnormal cells are from. Each type of cancer has its own characteristics.

Metastases occur when some of the cancer cells detach themselves from the tumour and move, via the bloodstream or lymphatic system, to other parts of the body where they begin to form further tumours.

