

Sample #1

Chemotherapy involves using anticancer drugs to help control or prevent the growth of cancerous tumors. Chemotherapy is often used as an adjuvant (supplemental) therapy in addition to other treatments, such as surgery or radiation therapy, which are designed to achieve local (breast/chest) control of the cancer. Normally, chemotherapy is administered through a semipermanent catheter (a flexible tube) implanted into a large vein, or by a smaller, temporary, intravenous catheter placed into the smaller veins in the arm or hand.

Some chemotherapy drugs are administered orally in the form of pills or liquid. Chemotherapy may also be given intramuscularly (injected in the muscle), under the skin, topically (on the skin), or injected locally into the cancer area. Chemotherapy is a systemic form of treatment; that is, it is distributed throughout the bloodstream, affecting tissues and organs in the entire body. In this way, chemotherapy is different from local treatments such as surgery or radiation therapy, which only target specific parts of the body. Both local and systemic treatments are used to provide optimal cancer control, and the approach is tailored to the individual patient.

Neoadjuvant chemotherapy is the term given to chemotherapy that is administered before surgery to help shrink the size of a cancerous tumor. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy also allows physicians to determine the effectiveness of a particular regimen on a patient's tumor and to monitor the progress of chemotherapy and make adjustments in drugs or dosages if needed.

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Sample #2

How Chemotherapy Works.

If your doctor wants you to have chemotherapy, it means something can be done to try and control, or even cure, your cancer. Cancer is a cell that divides quickly, and is growing out of control. Some chemotherapy kills cancer cells so your tumor shrinks or may even disappear. Other drugs work by stopping cancer from spreading. Each anti-cancer drug has a different job to do. They may be given alone or with other drugs or treatments to make you better. Chemotherapy is not new. It has been helping people since the early 1950s. Today it can be effective in killing cancer cells.

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