Cancer Treatment Terms

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Cancer, and cancer treatment can be very confusing and scary. The videos below are intended to explain cancer-related terms that cancer patients should know.

General Information

- What is cancer?
- What are cancer 'stages'?
- What is a biopsy?

Cancer Treatments (Radiation Therapy and Chemotherapy)

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- What is chemotherapy?
  - What is a 'port'?
  - What is an 'infusion'?
  - What is chemotherapy 'cycle'?
- What is curative cancer treatment?
- What is maintenance chemotherapy?
- What is palliative cancer treatment?

The Immune System and Immunotherapy

- What is the immune system?
- What are the cells of the immune system?
- What is cancer immunotherapy?

Cancer Treatment Side Effects

- What is drug 'toxicity'?
- What are 'side effects' of cancer treatment?
- What is a 'blood count'?
- What does 'risk of infection' mean?
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What is cancer-related numbness?

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