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Why is Cancer Hard to Cure?

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Cancer. A vexing disease whose cure is seen as a conundrum to even the most intelligent scientists and researchers. Cancer is a general term for “A disease caused when cells divide uncontrollably and spread into surrounding tissues” (cancer.gov, 2021). Many of us may know of cancer and its effects but don’t fully understand why it is so hard to cure.



One of the main reasons why cancer is hard to cure is its heterogeneity, which means that cancer can develop in various forms and affect different parts of the body. Each type of cancer may require a unique treatment approach, making it difficult to develop a universal cure.

Secondly, cancer’s versatility creates even more of a barrier when finding cures because it allows them to develop resistance to treatments over time. This adaptability of cancer cells makes it challenging to find a singular solution that can effectively terminate all cancer cells without harming healthy cells in the body. The intricate mechanisms involved in cancer growth and spread add another layer of difficulty to developing targeted and effective treatments.

Research into cancer is ongoing, with advancements in technology and scientific understanding offering hope for improved treatment options. Despite the challenges, progress is being made in personalized medicine, immunotherapy, and targeted therapies, bringing us closer to more effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for cancer.

“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.” (Martin Luther)