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Abstract. Background: Bacterial infections are a major cause of morbidity and mortality in patients who are neutropenic following chemotherapy for theinnatdunvilla.com have shown the efficacy of antibiotic prophylaxis in reducing the incidence of bacterial infections but not in reducing mortality rates.

Chemotherapy may be given with a curative intent or it may aim to prolong life or to palliate symptoms. Induction chemotherapy is the first line treatment of cancer with a chemotherapeutic drug. This type of chemotherapy is used for curative intent. Consolidation chemotherapy is given after remission in order to prolong the overall disease-free time and improve overall survival. The drug that is administered is the same as the drug that achieved remission. The drugs differ in their mechanism and side-effects. The biggest advantage is minimising the chances of resistance developing to any one agent. Also, the drugs can often be used at lower doses, reducing toxicity. It can be used when there is little evidence of cancer present, but there is risk of recurrence. These micrometastases can be treated with adjuvant chemotherapy and can reduce relapse rates caused by these disseminated cells. For these regimens, in general, a better toxicity profile is expected. Performance status is often used as a measure to determine whether a person can receive chemotherapy, or whether dose reduction is required. Because only a fraction of the cells in a tumor die with each treatment fractional kill , repeated doses must be administered to continue to reduce the size of the tumor. The overall effectiveness ranges from being curative for some cancers, such as some leukemias , [9] [10] to being ineffective, such as in some brain tumors , [11] to being needless in others, like most non-melanoma skin cancers. At high doses the percentage of normal and cancer cells killed is very similar. For this reason, doses are chosen where anti-tumour activity exceeds normal cell death. If the dose is too low, it will be ineffective against the tumor, whereas, at excessive doses, the toxicity side-effects will be intolerable to the person receiving it. This formula was originally derived in a study and attempted to translate medicinal doses established with laboratory animals to equivalent doses for humans. Some people are overdosed while others are underdosed. Similar results were found in a study involving people with colorectal cancer who were treated with the popular FOLFOX regimen. Median progression free survival PFS and overall survival OS both improved by six months in the dose adjusted group. With an established target exposure for optimized treatment effectiveness with minimized toxicities, dosing can be personalized to achieve target exposure and optimal results for each person. Such an algorithm was used in the clinical trials cited above and resulted in significantly improved treatment outcomes. Oncologists are already individualizing dosing of some cancer drugs based on exposure. Simple blood tests are also available for dose optimization of methotrexate , [28] 5-FU, paclitaxel , and docetaxel. Different nitrogen mustards will have different chemical groups R. The nitrogen mustards most commonly alkylate the N7 nitrogen of guanine as shown here but other atoms can be alkylated. Alkylating antineoplastic agent Alkylating agents are the oldest group of chemotherapeutics in use today. Originally derived from mustard gas used in World War I , there are now many types of alkylating agents in use. This ability to bind covalently to DNA via their alkyl group is the primary cause for their anti-cancer effects. If the cell tries to replicate crosslinked DNA during cell division , or tries to repair it, the DNA strands can break. This leads to a form of programmed cell death called apoptosis. For this reason the effect on the cell is dose dependent; the fraction of cells that die is directly proportional to the dose of drug. The drugs are very similar but they have subtle differences in their chemical structure. The building blocks are nucleotides ; a molecule comprising a nucleobase , a sugar and a phosphate group. The nucleobases are divided into purines guanine and adenine and pyrimidines cytosine , thymine and uracil. Anti-metabolites resemble either nucleobases or nucleosides a nucleotide without the phosphate group , but have altered chemical groups. Also, after misincorporation of the molecules into DNA, DNA damage can occur and programmed cell death apoptosis is induced. Unlike alkylating agents, anti-metabolites are cell cycle dependent. This means that they only work during a specific part of the cell cycle, in this case S-phase the DNA synthesis phase. For this reason, at a certain dose, the effect plateaus and proportionally no more cell death occurs with increased doses. Subtypes of the anti-metabolites are the anti-folates , fluoropyrimidines,

deoxynucleoside analogues and thiopurines. Methotrexate inhibits dihydrofolate reductase DHFR , an enzyme that regenerates tetrahydrofolate from dihydrofolate. When the enzyme is inhibited by methotrexate, the cellular levels of folate coenzymes diminish. These are required for thymidylate and purine production, which are both essential for DNA synthesis and cell division. It primarily inhibits the enzyme thymidylate synthase , but also has effects on DHFR, aminoimidazole carboxamide ribonucleotide formyltransferase and glycinamide ribonucleotide formyltransferase. The thiopurines include thioguanine and mercaptopurine. Both mechanisms cause defective mitosis. Anti-microtubule agents are plant -derived chemicals that block cell division by preventing microtubule function. They are hollow rod shaped structures that are required for cell division, among other cellular functions. Vinca alkaloids and taxanes are the two main groups of anti-microtubule agents, and although both of these groups of drugs cause microtubule dysfunction, their mechanisms of action are completely opposite. The vinca alkaloids prevent the formation of the microtubules, whereas the taxanes prevent the microtubule disassembly. By doing so, they prevent the cancer cells from completing mitosis. Following this, cell cycle arrest occurs, which induces programmed cell death apoptosis. They bind to specific sites on tubulin, inhibiting the assembly of tubulin into microtubules. The original vinca alkaloids are natural products that include vincristine and vinblastine. They bind to the tubulin molecules in S-phase and prevent proper microtubule formation required for M-phase. The first drug of their class, paclitaxel , was originally extracted from the Pacific Yew tree, Taxus brevifolia. Now this drug and another in this class, docetaxel , are produced semi-synthetically from a chemical found in the bark of another Yew tree; Taxus baccata. These drugs promote microtubule stability, preventing their disassembly. Paclitaxel prevents the cell cycle at the boundary of G2-M, whereas docetaxel exerts its effect during S-phase. Taxanes present difficulties in formulation as medicines because they are poorly soluble in water. It has anti-microtubule activity, and its mechanism is similar to that of vinca alkaloids in that they bind to tubulin, inhibiting microtubule formation. Podophyllotoxin is used to produce two other drugs with different mechanisms of action: When the DNA double-strand helix is unwound, during DNA replication or transcription , for example, the adjacent unopened DNA winds tighter supercoils , like opening the middle of a twisted rope. The stress caused by this effect is in part aided by the topoisomerase enzymes. This allows the normal unwinding of DNA to occur during replication or transcription. Inhibition of topoisomerase I or II interferes with both of these processes. This prevents DNA replication and transcription , causes DNA strand breaks, and leads to programmed cell death apoptosis. These agents include etoposide , doxorubicin , mitoxantrone and teniposide. The second group, catalytic inhibitors, are drugs that block the activity of topoisomerase II, and therefore prevent DNA synthesis and translation because the DNA cannot unwind properly. This group includes novobiocin , merbarone, and aclarubicin , which also have other significant mechanisms of action. The common theme that they share in their chemotherapy indication is that they interrupt cell division. The most important subgroup is the anthracyclines and the bleomycins ; other prominent examples include mitomycin C , mitoxantrone , and actinomycin. Other clinically used drugs in the anthracyline group are pirarubicin , aclarubicin , and mitoxantrone. The mechanisms of anthracyclines include DNA intercalation molecules insert between the two strands of DNA , generation of highly reactive free radicals that damage intercellular molecules and topoisomerase inhibition. This occurs when bleomycin binds to a metal ion , becomes chemically reduced and reacts with oxygen. The girl at left has a central venous catheter inserted in her neck. The girl at right has a peripheral venous catheter. The arm board stabilizes the arm during needle insertion. Anti-cancer IV drip is seen at top right. Most chemotherapy is delivered intravenously , although a number of agents can be administered orally e. There are many intravenous methods of drug delivery, known as vascular access devices. These include the winged infusion device , peripheral venous catheter , midline catheter, peripherally inserted central catheter PICC , central venous catheter and implantable port. The devices have different applications regarding duration of chemotherapy treatment, method of delivery and types of chemotherapeutic agent. For continuous, frequent or prolonged intravenous chemotherapy administration, various systems may be surgically inserted into the vasculature to maintain access. These have a lower infection risk, are much less prone to phlebitis or extravasation , and eliminate the need for repeated insertion of peripheral cannulae. The main purpose of these approaches is to deliver a very high dose of chemotherapy to tumor sites without

causing overwhelming systemic damage. Topical chemotherapies, such as 5-fluorouracil , are used to treat some cases of non-melanoma skin cancer. The most common medications affect mainly the fast-dividing cells of the body, such as blood cells and the cells lining the mouth, stomach, and intestines. Chemotherapy-related toxicities can occur acutely after administration, within hours or days, or chronically, from weeks to years. Anemia and thrombocytopenia may require blood transfusion. Neutropenia a decrease of the neutrophil granulocyte count below 0. In very severe myelosuppression , which occurs in some regimens, almost all the bone marrow stem cells cells that produce white and red blood cells are destroyed, meaning allogenic or autologous bone marrow cell transplants are necessary. In autologous BMTs, cells are removed from the person before the treatment, multiplied and then re-injected afterward; in allogenic BMTs, the source is a donor. However, some people still develop diseases because of this interference with bone marrow. In Japan , the government has approved the use of some medicinal mushrooms like Trametes versicolor , to counteract depression of the immune system in people undergoing chemotherapy. Typhlitis is a medical emergency. It has a very poor prognosis and is often fatal unless promptly recognized and aggressively treated.

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Well-respected and widely regarded as the most comprehensive text in the field, Antibiotic and Chemotherapy, 9th Edition by Drs. Finch, Greenwood, Whitley, and Norrby, provides globally relevant coverage of all types of antimicrobial agents used in human medicine, including all antiviral, antiprotozoan and anthelminthic agents.

This makes it more likely that you will pick up an infection and develop a fever. Chemotherapy What chemotherapy is Chemotherapy means drug treatment. In cancer treatment, the term chemotherapy means treatment with cell killing cytotoxic drugs. Normally white blood cells help fight off infection. Any infection can also worsen more quickly. When your white blood cell count is at its lowest you can feel very tired fatigued. This can be really hard to deal with and make you wonder if you really want to go on with your treatment. Things should improve and you will start to feel better again before your next treatment, as your blood counts rise. But once your treatment is finished your blood cell counts will remain at normal levels. To make sure your bone marrow is working well you will have regular blood tests. Sometimes your doctor may give you a course of antibiotics during your chemotherapy to help fight off an infection or stop you getting one. Radiotherapy What radiotherapy is Radiotherapy uses high energy rays to treat cancer. Radiotherapy destroys the cancer cells in the treated area. Normal cells are also affected by radiation, if they are in the treated area. Radiotherapy and infection Radiation can also affect the cells in your bone marrow, which produce your blood cells, including the white blood cells that normally fight off infection. But generally, radiotherapy only affects the area being treated and is less likely to affect your white blood cells than chemotherapy. People having total body irradiation before a bone marrow or stem cell transplant will be severely affected and will have low red cells, white cells and platelets. You will have regular blood tests during your treatment to check the number of red and white blood cells in your blood. Find out more about radiotherapy Surgery Infection is a possible side effect of any type of surgery. The risk of infection depends on what type of surgery you have. You might have antibiotics to reduce the chance of getting an infection after your operation. After an operation, you may have drainage tubes in place to stop fluid from collecting around the operation site. This is important because, as well as being uncomfortable or painful, fluid that does not drain away can be a site of infection. Surgery does not weaken your resistance to infection nearly as much as chemotherapy or a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. Get more information on having surgery Targeted cancer drugs Targeted cancer drugs sometimes called biological therapies can be used to stimulate the immune system to control the growth of cancer cells. Immunotherapy is a targeted treatment that uses substances normally involved in fighting infection. These substances are called cytokines. When you get an infection the body produces cytokines. As treatments, you have cytokines in much larger quantities than your body would normally produce. This seems to be the reason why flu like symptoms, including fever, can be a side effect of some targeted cancer treatments. You have very high dose chemotherapy, sometimes with radiotherapy, to try to kill off the cancer cells. This means you are more at risk of getting an infection. This is most likely to be from the normally harmless bacteria we all have in our digestive systems and on our skin. Graft versus host disease There is a transplant side effect called graft versus host disease GVHD that some people get when they have marrow or stem cells donated by somebody else. GVHD can range from being mild to very serious. Although it is not an infection, it often causes a fever.

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Figure Inhibition of protein biosynthesis by aminoglycosides. Spectinomycin is an aminocylitol antibiotic that is closely related to the aminoglycosides. It binds to a different protein in the ribosome and is bacteriostatic but not bactericidal. It is used to treat penicillin-resistant gonorrhea. Other agents that bind to 30S ribosomes are the tetracyclines Fig. These agents appear to inhibit the binding of aminoacyl-tRNA into the A site of the bacteria] ribosome. Tetracycline binding is transient, so these agents are bacteriostatic. Nonetheless, they inhibit a wide variety of bacteria, chlamydias, and mycoplasmas and are extremely useful antibiotics. Figure Structure of tetracycline showing the area critical for activity and major and minor points of modification. There are three important classes of drugs that inhibit the 50S ribosomal subunit. It inhibits peptide bond formation by binding to a peptidyltransferase enzyme on the 50S ribosome. Macrolides are large lactone ring compounds that bind to 50S ribosomes and appear to impair a peptidyltransferase reaction or translocation, or both. The most important macrolide is erythromycin, which inhibits Gram-positive species and a few Gram-negative species such as Haemophilus, Mycoplasma, Chlamydia, and Legionella. Figure Structure of chloranphenicol. New molecules such as azithromycin and clarithromycin have greater activity than erythromycin against many of these pathogens. Lincinoids, of which the most important is clindamycin, have a similar site of activity Fig. Both macrolides and lincinoids are generally bacteriostatic. Structure of erythromycin prototype or macrolide and clindamycin. Although extremely different in structure, both compounds inhibit protein synthesis by binding to 50S ribosome. Drugs that Inhibit Other Biochemical Targets Both trimethoprim and the sulfonamides interfere with folate metabolism in the bacterial cell by competitively blocking the biosynthesis of tetrahydrofolate, which acts as a carrier of one-carbon fragments and is necessary for the ultimate synthesis of DNA, RNA and bacterial cell wall proteins Fig. Unlike mammals, bacteria and protozoan parasites usually lack a transport system to take up preformed folic acid from their environment. Most of these organisms must synthesize folates, although some are capable of using exogenous thymidine, circumventing the need for folate metabolism. Figure Structure of sulfonamide and trimethoprim with sites of inhibition of folic metabolism. Sulfonamides competitively block the conversion of pteridine and p-aminobenzoic acid PABA to dihydrofolic acid by the enzyme pteridine synthetase. Sulfonamides have a greater affinity than p-aminobenzoic acid for pteridine synthetase. Trimethoprim has a tremendous affinity for bacterial dihydrofolate reductase 10, to , times higher than for the mammalian enzyme ; when bound to this enzyme, it inhibits the synthesis of tetrahydrofolate. Antibacterial Agents that Affect Mycobacteria Isoniazid is a nicotinamide derivative that inhibits mycobacteria. Its precise mode of action is not known, but it affects the synthesis of lipids, nucleic acids, and the mycolic acid of the cell walls of these species. Ethambutol is also an antimycobacterial agent whose mechanism of action is unknown. It is mycostatic, whereas isoniazid is mycocidal. The other antituberculosis drugs, rifampin and streptomycin, affect mycobacteria in the same manner that they inhibit bacteria. Pyrazinamide is a synthetic analog of nicotinamide. It is bactericidal, but its exact mechanism is unknown. Bacterial Resistance Bacteria have proved adept at developing resistance to new antimicrobial agents. There are a number of ways in which bacteria can become resistant Table Most of the early studies of bacterial resistance focused on single-step mutational events of chromosomal origin. Resistance to the early sulfonamides, for example, was the result of a single amino acid change in the enzyme pteridine synthetase that caused sulfonamides to bind less well than p-aminobenzoic acid. Similarly, a single step mutation that altered a ribosomal protein conferred resistance to streptomycin. In the late s, Japanese workers found that enteric bacteria such as Shigella dysenteriae had become resistant not only to sulfonamides but also to the tetracyclines and chloramphenicol. This resistance was due not to a chromosomal change, but rather to the presence of extrachromosomal DNA that was transmissible. This type of resistance is called plasmid-mediated resistance. Table Mechanisms of Resistance.

Resistance-conferring plasmids are present in virtually all bacteria Table For example, resistance to ampicillin appeared in Haemophilus influenzae in and in Neisseria gonorrhoeae in In the last several years, organisms such as enterococci have been shown to contain plasmids that confer resistance to drugs such as ampicillin and aminoglycosides. Table R-Plasmid-Mediated Resistance. Bacteria also contain transposons, which can insert into plasmids and also into the chromosome see Ch. Transposon-mediated resistance to most of the major antibiotics has been found in the past few years. Antimicrobial agents exert a strong selective pressure on the development of both chromosomal and plasmid-mediated resistance, as discussed below. Administration of an antibiotic destroys the susceptible bacteria in a population, but may permit resistant ones to proliferate. From an epidemiologic viewpoint, plasmid-mediated resistance is the most important type, since it is transmissible, is usually highly stable, confers resistance to many different classes of antibiotics simultaneously, and often is associated with other characteristics that enable a microorganism to colonize and invade a susceptible host. Mechanisms of Resistance The basic mechanisms by which a microorganism can resist an antimicrobial agent are 1 to alter the receptor for the drug the molecule on which it exerts its effect ; 2 to decrease the amount of drug that reaches the receptor by altering entry or increasing removal of the drug; 3 to destroy or inactivate the drug; and 4 to develop resistant metabolic pathways. Bacteria can possess one or all of these mechanisms simultaneously. In , Streptococcus pneumoniae strains resistant to penicillin G were encountered in South Africa. Plasmids were not the cause of the resistance. Penicillin-resistant S pneumoniae cells have altered penicillin-binding proteins, which bind penicillin less well. Resistance of S pneumoniae to penicillin has been increasing, and there are now relatively resistant isolates minimal inhibitory concentration [MIC], 0. Staphylococcal organisms resistant to methicillin are resistant to all penicillins, cephalosporins, and carbapenems. Enterococci are resistant to all cephalosporins because of failure to bind to the penicillin-binding proteins. Vancomycin Resistance Certain transposable genetic elements encode special cell wall-synthesizing enzymes which change the structure of the normal D-Ala-D-Ala side chain in the peptidoglycan assembly pathway. The altered side chain D-Ala-D-Lac does not bind vancomycin and allows normal peptidoglycan polymerization to occur in the presence of the drug. Depending upon the nature of the vancomycin resistance gene, high-level resistance can occur to glycopeptides. Thus far, this type of resistance has been found in enterococci but not in multi-resistant isolates of Staphylococcus aureus. Macrolide-lincomycin Resistance Macrolide-lincomycin resistance in clinical isolates of staphylococci and streptococci has been recognized for several decades. This resistance is plasmid mediated, and the resistance is encoded on transposons. Resistance results from induction of an enzyme that is normally repressed. Induction of resistance varies by species, and in most Gram-positive species erythromycin is a more effective inducer of resistance than is clindamycin. The plasmids that mediate macrolide-lincomycin resistance in streptococci and staphylococci have extensive structural similarity, indicating that these plasmids readily pass between these species. Rifampin Resistance The resistance of bacteria to rifampin is caused by an alternation of one amino acid in DNA-directed RNA polymerase, which results in reduced binding of rifampin. The degree of resistance is related to the degree to which the enzyme is changed, but does not correlate strictly with enzyme inhibition. This form of resistance occurs at a low level in any population of bacteria so that resistance develops by natural selection during a course of therapy. Naturally resistant organisms are more common among members of the Enterobacteriaceae, explaining why agents of urinary tract infections rapidly became resistant to rifampin. The resistance of Neisseria meningitides to rifampin appeared in closed military settings in which rifampin has been used for prophylaxis. Sulfonamide-trimethoprim Resistance Sulfonamide can be rendered ineffective by altered or new dihydropteroic synthetase that has poor affinity for sulfonamides and preferentially binds p-aminobenzoic acid. Sulfonamide resistance of this type can result from a point mutation or from acquisition of a plasmid that causes synthesis of the new enzyme. A most serious resistance problem is an increase in resistance to trimethoprim. This plasmid- and transposon-mediated resistance is due to production of an altered dihydrofolate reductase that has markedly reduced affinity for trimethoprim. Quinolone Resistance Resistance to quinolones can be caused by mutations in DNA gyrase subunits A or B, reduced outer membrane permeability in gram-negative cells, or to active efflux transporters found in many bacteria. The highest level of resistance to the newer fluoroquinolones is most frequently associated with chromosomal mutations,

causing amino acid substitutions in a highly conserved region in the A subunit of DNA gyrase. Multiple-mechanisms of resistance can occur in a single isolate of bacteria, leading to a higher level of resistance to many fluoroauinolones. In an initial energy-independent rapid phase, tetracycline binds to cell surface layers and passes by diffusion through the outer layers of the cell. In the second, energy-dependent phase, tetracycline crosses the cytoplasmic membrane, probably by means of a proton-motive force. The precise transport system has not been identified. Tetracycline resistance is common in both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. In most cases it is plasmid encoded and inducible; however, chromosomal, constitutive resistance is found in some organisms such as Proteus species. Many plasmid-encoded specified tetracycline resistance determinants have been found in enteric bacteria. The most common of these determinants, TetB, is also present in H influenzae. Tetracycline resistance in Staphylococcus aureus is due primarily to small multicopy plasmids; chromosomal resistance is rare. Tetracycline resistance is found on nonconjugative plasmids in Streptococcus faecalis and on the chromosome of S pneumoniae, S agalactiae group B streptococci , and oral streptococci. Clostridium species such as C difficile harbor chromosomal genes for tetracycline resistance. Basically, tetracycline resistance is due to a decrease in the levels of drug accumulation. Decreased uptake and increased efflux both probably participate. Resistant bacteria bind less tetracycline, and the tetracycline they do accumulate is lost by an energy-dependent process when they are in a drug-free milieu. Plasmid-mediated resistance to tetracyclines can be partially overcome in Gram-positive species by modifying the tetracycline nucleus. Hence, achievable concentrations of minocycline and doxycycline, in particular, will inhibit some tetracycline-resistant streptococci such as S pneumoniae, and some S aureus strains. Molecular modification has not been successful in overcoming the tetracycline resistance of members of the Enterobacteriaceae or Pseudomonas or most Bacteroides species. Tetracycline resistance is a major concern because it is located on plasmids near insertion sites, and these plasmids readily acquire other genetic information to enlarge the spectrum of resistance. The widespread use of tetracycline in animal feeds may be a factor in the extensive, worldwide resistance of members of the Enterobacteriaceae, particularly enteric species such as Salmonella, to tetracyclines and subsequently to many other drugs. Not only can tetracycline resistance move among members of the Enterobacteriaceae on plasmids, but plasmids mediating tetracycline resistance have moved between S aureus, S epidermidis, S pyogenes, S pneumoniae, and S faecalis.

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Chemotherapy (often abbreviated to chemo and sometimes CTX or CTx) is a type of cancer treatment that uses one or more anti-cancer drugs (chemotherapeutic agents) as part of a standardized chemotherapy regimen.

Chemotherapy is the use of any drug to treat any disease. But to most people, the word chemotherapy means drugs used for cancer treatment. This means chemo can kill cancer cells that have spread metastasized to parts of the body far away from the original primary tumor. There are three main goals for chemotherapy chemo in cancer treatment: Control If cure is not possible, the goal may be to control the disease. This can help the person with cancer feel better and live longer. Then chemo can be given again. Palliation Chemo can also be used to ease symptoms caused by the cancer. This is called palliative chemotherapy or palliation. For example, anti-nausea treatments or pain medicines are palliative, and can be used at all stages of treatment. Planning chemotherapy treatments You and your cancer doctor, called an oncologist, will decide what drug or combination of drugs you will get. All of these decisions will depend on the type of cancer, where it is, how big it is, and how it affects your normal body functions and overall health. Cancer can be treated with a single chemo drug, but often several drugs are used in a certain order or in certain combinations called combination chemotherapy. Different drugs that work in different ways can work together to kill more cancer cells. This can also help lower the chance that the cancer may become resistant to any one chemo drug. Sometimes chemo is the only treatment you need. More often, chemo is used with surgery or radiation therapy or both. Chemo may be used to shrink a tumor before surgery or radiation therapy. Chemo used in this way is called neoadjuvant therapy. It may be used after surgery or radiation therapy to help kill any remaining cancer cells. Chemo used in this way is called adjuvant therapy. It may be used with other treatments if your cancer comes back. Determining which chemotherapy drugs to use In some cases, the best choice of doses and schedules for each chemo drug is clear, and most doctors would recommend the same treatment. In other cases, less may be known about the single best way to treat people with certain types and stages of cancer. In these cases, different doctors might choose different drug combinations with different schedules. Factors to consider when choosing which drugs to use include: Determining chemotherapy doses Most chemotherapy chemo drugs are strong medicines that have a fairly narrow range for dose safety and effectiveness. Taking too little of a drug will not treat the cancer well and taking too much may cause life-threatening side effects. For this reason, doctors must calculate chemo doses very precisely. Depending on the drug s to be given, there are different ways to determine chemo doses. Most chemo drugs are measured in milligrams mg. Some chemo doses are determined based on body surface area BSA , which are calculated using height and weight. BSA is expressed in meters squared m2. Children may have different levels of sensitivity to the drugs, too. For the same reasons, dosages of some drugs may also be adjusted for people who:

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Scanning electron micrograph of a human neutrophil ingesting methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus MRSA The emergence of resistance of bacteria to antibiotics is a common phenomenon. Emergence of resistance often reflects evolutionary processes that take place during antibiotic therapy. The antibiotic treatment may select for bacterial strains with physiologically or genetically enhanced capacity to survive high doses of antibiotics. Under certain conditions, it may result in preferential growth of resistant bacteria, while growth of susceptible bacteria is inhibited by the drug. Horizontal transfer is more likely to happen in locations of frequent antibiotic use. Additional mutations, however, may compensate for this fitness cost and can aid the survival of these bacteria. Intrinsic antibacterial resistance may be part of the genetic makeup of bacterial strains. Acquired resistance results from a mutation in the bacterial chromosome or the acquisition of extra-chromosomal DNA. For example, emergent bacterial strains causing tuberculosis that are resistant to previously effective antibacterial treatments pose many therapeutic challenges. Every year, nearly half a million new cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis MDR-TB are estimated to occur worldwide. Antibiotic misuse Per The ICU Book "The first rule of antibiotics is try not to use them, and the second rule is try not to use too many of them. Self-prescribing of antibiotics is an example of misuse. Also, incorrect or suboptimal antibiotics are prescribed for certain bacterial infections. Other forms of misuse include failure to take the entire prescribed course of the antibiotic, incorrect dosage and administration, or failure to rest for sufficient recovery. Inappropriate antibiotic treatment, for example, is their prescription to treat viral infections such as the common cold. One study on respiratory tract infections found "physicians were more likely to prescribe antibiotics to patients who appeared to expect them". Food and Drug Administration have advocated restricting the amount of antibiotic use in food animal production. Two federal bills S. In the United States, the question of emergence of antibiotic-resistant bacterial strains due to use of antibiotics in livestock was raised by the US Food and Drug Administration FDA in Timeline of antibiotics Before the early 20th century, treatments for infections were based primarily on medicinal folklore. Mixtures with antimicrobial properties that were used in treatments of infections were described over years ago. Synthetic antibiotic chemotherapy as a science and development of antibacterials began in Germany with Paul Ehrlich in the late s. He then proposed the idea that it might be possible to create chemicals that would act as a selective drug that would bind to and kill bacteria without harming the human host. After screening hundreds of dyes against various organisms, in , he discovered a medicinally useful drug, the first synthetic antibacterial salvarsan [53] [97] [98] now called arsphenamine. Paul Ehrlich and Sahachiro Hata The era of antibacterial treatment began with the discoveries of arsenic-derived synthetic antibiotics by Alfred Bertheim and Ehrlich in While their early compounds were too toxic, Ehrlich and Sahachiro Hata , a Japanese bacteriologist working with Erlich in the quest for a drug to treat syphilis , achieved success with the th compound in their series of experiments. In Ehrlich and Hata announced their discovery, which they called drug "", at the Congress for Internal Medicine at Wiesbaden. This drug is now known as arsphenamine. In , Ehrlich received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his contributions to immunology. Research was stimulated apace by its success. The discovery and development of this sulfonamide drug opened the era of antibacterials. These observations of antibiosis between microorganisms led to the discovery of natural antibacterials. Louis Pasteur observed, "if we could intervene in the antagonism observed between some bacteria, it would offer perhaps the greatest hopes for therapeutics". In Vincenzo Tiberio , Italian physician, published a paper on the antibacterial power of some extracts of mold. In his thesis, Duchesne proposed that bacteria and molds engage in a perpetual battle for survival. Duchesne observed that E. He also observed that when he inoculated laboratory animals with lethal doses of typhoid bacilli together with Penicillium glaucum, the animals did not contract typhoid. Fleming was working on a culture of disease-causing bacteria when he noticed the spores of a green mold, Penicillium chrysogenum , in one of his culture plates. He observed that the presence of the mold killed or

prevented the growth of the bacteria. Fleming believed that its antibacterial properties could be exploited for chemotherapy. He initially characterized some of its biological properties, and attempted to use a crude preparation to treat some infections, but he was unable to pursue its further development without the aid of trained chemists. Later, Norman Heatley developed the back extraction technique for efficiently purifying penicillin in bulk. The chemical structure of penicillin was first proposed by Abraham in [] and then later confirmed by Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin in Purified penicillin displayed potent antibacterial activity against a wide range of bacteria and had low toxicity in humans. Furthermore, its activity was not inhibited by biological constituents such as pus, unlike the synthetic sulfonamides. It was one of the first commercially manufactured antibiotics and was very effective in treating wounds and ulcers during World War II. Tyrocidine also proved too toxic for systemic usage. Research results obtained during that period were not shared between the Axis and the Allied powers during World War II and limited access during the Cold War. It also excluded synthetic antibacterial compounds such as the sulfonamides. In current usage, the term "antibiotic" is applied to any medication that kills bacteria or inhibits their growth, regardless of whether that medication is produced by a microorganism or not. Resistance modifying agents are capable of partly or completely suppressing bacterial resistance mechanisms.

Chapter 6 : All Antibiotics while doing radiation and chemo messages

Chemotherapy means drug treatment. In cancer treatment, the term chemotherapy means treatment with cell killing (cytotoxic) drugs. Chemotherapy affects production of white blood cells in the bone marrow.

Nerve damage peripheral neuropathy Risk of a second cancer Ask your doctor if you have a risk of any late side effects. Ask what signs and symptoms you should be alert for that may signal a problem. Your doctor will give you specific instructions to prepare for your chemotherapy treatments. You may need to: Have a device surgically inserted before intravenous chemotherapy. The catheter or other device is surgically implanted into a large vein, usually in your chest. Chemotherapy drugs can be given through the device. Undergo tests and procedures to make sure your body is ready to receive chemotherapy. Blood tests to check kidney and liver function and heart tests to check for heart health can determine whether your body is ready to begin chemotherapy. Your doctor may recommend that a dentist check your teeth for signs of infection. Plan ahead for side effects. Ask your doctor what side effects to expect during and after chemotherapy and make appropriate arrangements. For instance, if your chemotherapy treatment will cause infertility, you may wish to consider your options for preserving your sperm or eggs for future use. If your chemotherapy will cause hair loss, consider planning for a head covering. Make arrangements for help at home and at work. Most chemotherapy treatments are given in an outpatient clinic, which means most people are able to continue working and doing their usual activities during chemotherapy. Ask your doctor for the details of your chemotherapy treatments so that you can make arrangements for work, children, pets or other commitments. Prepare for your first treatment. Ask your doctor or chemotherapy nurses how to prepare for chemotherapy. It may be helpful to arrive for your first chemotherapy treatment well-rested. You might wish to eat a light meal beforehand in case your chemotherapy medications cause nausea. Have a friend or family member drive you to your first treatment. Most people can drive themselves to and from chemotherapy sessions. But the first time you may find that the medications make you sleepy or cause other side effects that make driving difficult.

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Chapter 8 : Antibiotic - Wikipedia

The British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy. The British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy is an inter-professional organisation with over 40 years of experience and achievement in antibiotic education, research and leadership.

Chapter 9 : How Is Chemotherapy Used to Treat Cancer?

I have been on several kinds of antibiotics while taking chemo but I was taking them for other reasons (ear infections and I had a problem with port incision healing).