

# Cornell Guided Notes

Genetics of Disease (Medical Interventions) | 2027-04-20

Name

Period

Date

Lesson

## Lesson focus

Chemo and radiation

## Key words and questions

## Prepared details and student notes

**Essential question**  
**What is today's target?**

Compare how chemotherapy and radiation kill cancer cells and why each causes side effects. Big idea: Killing cancer cells means disrupting cell division, which always risks collateral damage to healthy tissue.

**My notes, examples, and questions**

**Key words**  
**What vocabulary unlocks the lesson?**

- biopsy
- staging
- chemotherapy
- radiation
- targeted therapy
- apoptosis
- side effect

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#### Must-know ideas

What should I understand by the end?

- Chemotherapy circulates systemically and targets any rapidly dividing cell.
- Radiation delivers focused ionizing energy to damage DNA in a defined tumor volume.
- Side effects correlate directly to which fast-dividing healthy tissues are caught in the treatment field.

#### My notes, examples, and questions

#### Process notes

What happens during class?

- 0-8: Read treatment notes; define apoptosis in margin
- 8-25: Draw chemotherapy mechanism diagram (systemic, fast-dividers)
- 25-40: Draw radiation mechanism diagram (targeted, DNA damage)
- 40-55: List two side effects each; link to healthy tissue type
- 55-72: Write CER paragraph: chemo vs. radiation for a localized tumor
- 72-80: Peer review CER structure; submit

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#### Steps and evidence What do I do and turn in?

- Read the treatment-mechanism notes in the PLTW course shell and define apoptosis.
- Diagram how chemotherapy targets fast-dividing cells throughout the body.
- Diagram how radiation damages cell DNA in a targeted area.
- List two common side effects for each and tie them to healthy fast-dividing tissue.
- Write a CER paragraph claiming which treatment fits a localized tumor and why.

Evidence: CER - CER paragraph arguing which treatment (chemo or radiation) is more appropriate for a localized tumor, with apoptosis and side-effect evidence.

#### My notes, examples, and questions

#### Checks for understanding How do I know I got it?

- You'll be able to contrast the mechanisms of chemotherapy and radiation.
- You'll be able to explain side effects using apoptosis and healthy-cell damage.

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#### Lab or safety notes What must I handle carefully?

No special lab safety notes today. Follow normal classroom and digital-work expectations.

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### Summary

Today's lesson focused on Chemo and radiation. The main target was: Compare how chemotherapy and radiation kill cancer cells and why each causes side effects. The evidence of learning is CER: CER paragraph arguing which treatment (chemo or radiation) is more appropriate for a localized tumor, with apoptosis and side-effect evidence.. In my own words, the most important idea from today is:

**My summary**

**My final question or connection**