

Immunotherapy, demystified

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"It utilizes your body's T cells [also called lymphocytes, white blood cells or immune cells] to identify certain cancer markers and antigens and attack them." (:13)

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"With immunotherapy, if people are going to get the rare, more serious side effects, it's usually after weeks or months." (:09)

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"Most patients will improve their lifespan. The cancer is treated and controlled for longer. There are maybe about 5% of cases where there's a complete response. For five years, we're not really seeing the cancer." (:17)

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"If immunotherapy is brought as an option by the physician, at least consider that. Even in people with poor performance status – elderly or people with multiple medical problems – immunotherapy is generally a very well-tolerated treatment." (:14)