Chemotherapy, also called chemo, is medicines used to treat cancer. These medicines destroy cancer cells, keep them from growing and spreading, shrink the size of a tumor, or relieve cancer symptoms. Depending on the type of cancer, chemotherapy medicine may be given:

- With other medicine
- Before or after surgery and/or radiation to shrink a tumor
- In cycles so that your body can rest and repair between treatments
- Throughout the body or directly into the site of the cancer
- In a vein called intravenous (IV) or as a pill, an injection, or cream
- In a hospital, doctor’s office, or clinic

Your doctor will decide on the type of medicines and how often they are to be given.

Side Effects

Chemo can destroy or slow down the growth of normal cells, including cells of the hair, mouth, digestive system, and blood stream. This can result in:

- Hair loss
- Mouth sores
- Nausea or vomiting

副作用

化疗能摧毁正常细胞或抑制正常细胞生长，包括頭髮、口腔、消化系統和血液中的細胞。這可能導致：

- 脫髮
- 口腔潰瘍
- 噁心或嘔吐
• Diarrhea  • 腹瀉
• Infections  • 感染
• Tiredness  • 疲乏
• Bleeding problems  • 出血問題

You will be watched closely for side effects. Let your doctor or nurse know how you are feeling. Exams, blood tests, and medicines will be used to prevent or treat any side effects and check your condition.

醫護人員會密切觀察化療的副作用。告訴醫生或護士您的身體狀況。醫護人員會為您進行檢查、血液測試和安排藥物，以預防或對付任何副作用，以及檢查您的身體狀況。

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

若您有任何疑問或擔憂，請諮詢您的醫生或護士。