

What Is Your Risk for Infection?

Some people with certain types of cancer who are treated with strong chemotherapy have a greater chance of developing serious infections because of low white blood cell counts, known as neutropenia. Help your health care provider determine if you're at risk by talking to your doctor about your answers to the questions below.

What type of cancer do you have? _____

Are you 65 or older?

Yes No

Are you able to perform basic daily tasks, such as getting dressed and bathing, on your own?

Yes No I don't know

Have you recently had trouble eating?

Yes No I don't know

Have you recently lost weight without trying to?

Yes No I don't know

Have you ever been diagnosed with neutropenia or febrile neutropenia, or been told you have low white blood cell counts?

Yes No I don't know

Have you ever been hospitalized for any infections after starting strong chemotherapy?

Yes No I don't know

Do you currently have any open wounds, such as cuts or sores?

Yes No I don't know

Have you recently noticed any symptoms of infection, such as difficulty breathing, fever, cough, sore throat, headache, frequent urination, or a burning feeling when you urinate?

Yes No I don't know

Have you been told that your cancer is at an advanced stage, or that it is metastatic (meaning that it has spread to other parts of your body or bone marrow)?

Yes No I don't know

Have you ever received a bone marrow or organ transplant?

Yes No I don't know

Have you ever been treated with strong chemotherapy or radiation?

Yes No I don't know

Have you recently had surgery?

Yes No I don't know

Has a port recently been placed in your chest?

Yes No I don't know

Have you been diagnosed with any of the following?

Kidney disease

Yes No I don't know

Liver disease

Yes No I don't know

Immune disorder (for example, HIV)

Yes No I don't know

Diabetes

Yes No I don't know

Heart disease

Yes No I don't know

Lung disease (for example, COPD)

Yes No I don't know

Anemia

Yes No I don't know

To learn more about the risk of infection from strong chemotherapy, visit chemotherapy.com