What is cancer?

Your body is made up of lots of little parts called cells.

Cancer happens when your body makes too many cells.

When your body makes too many cells you get tumours.

Tumours can make you ill.
You can get cancer in lots of different parts of your body.

Breasts

Stomach

Balls

Lungs

You might need to stay in hospital so that you can have medicine.

Chemotherapy is medicine that kills cancer cells.
You might need to have radiotherapy.

When you have radiotherapy you lie under a special light.

The special light kills the cancer cells.

You might need to have an operation.

An operation is when doctors take out the cancer cells.

You can say no if you do not want help from the doctors.

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