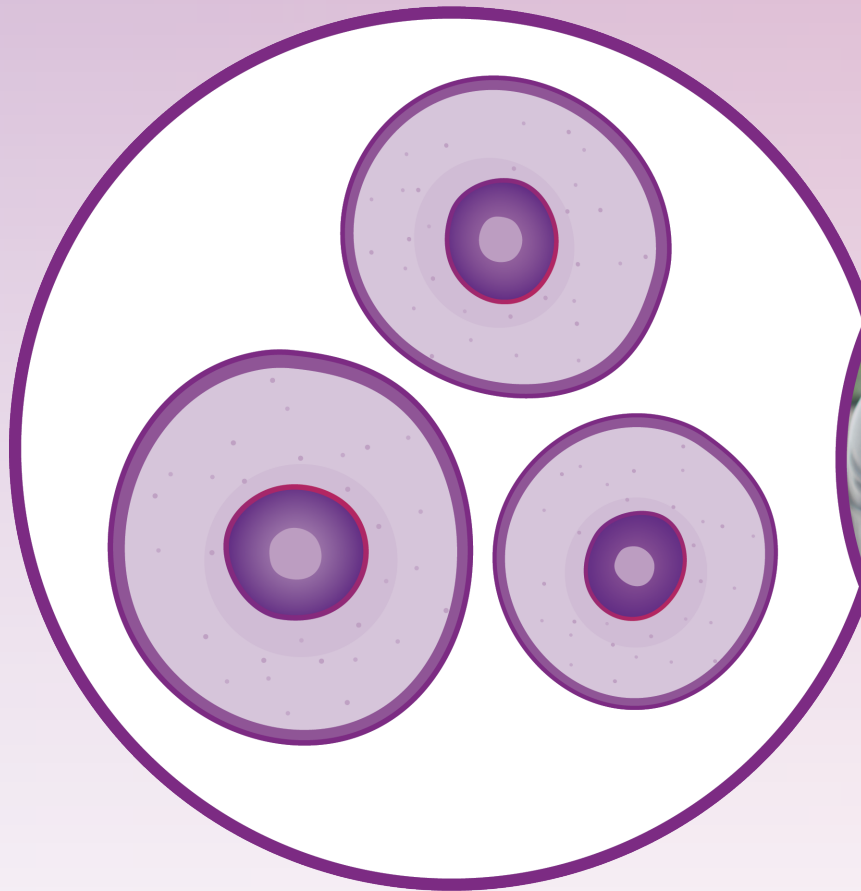
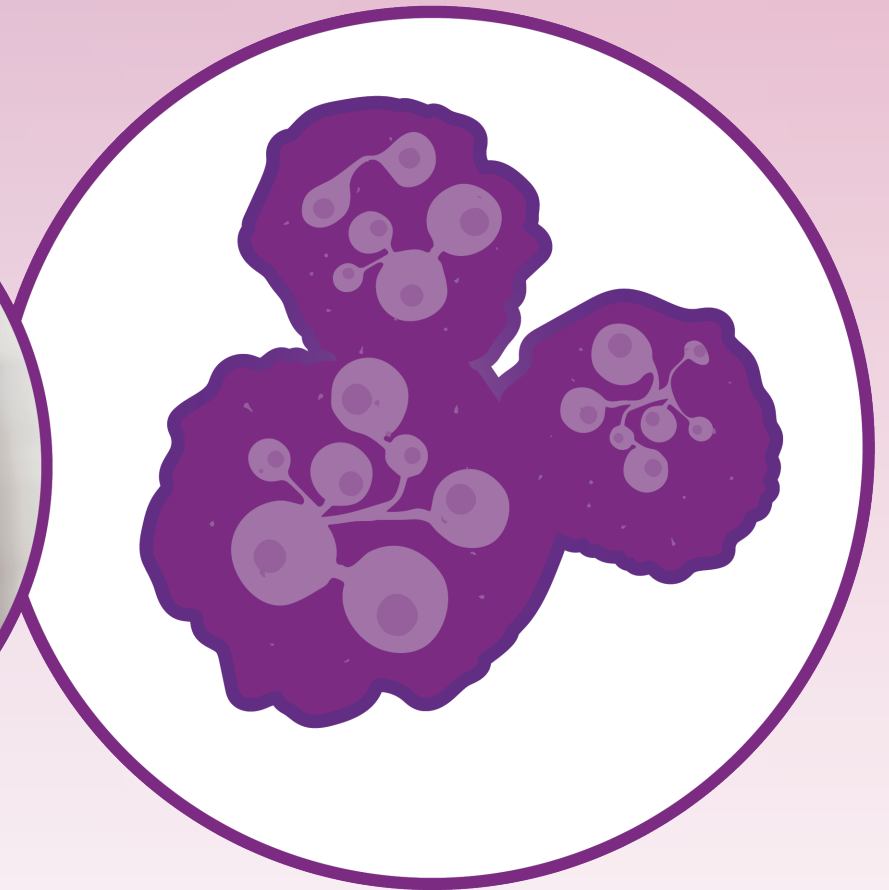


What is Cancer?



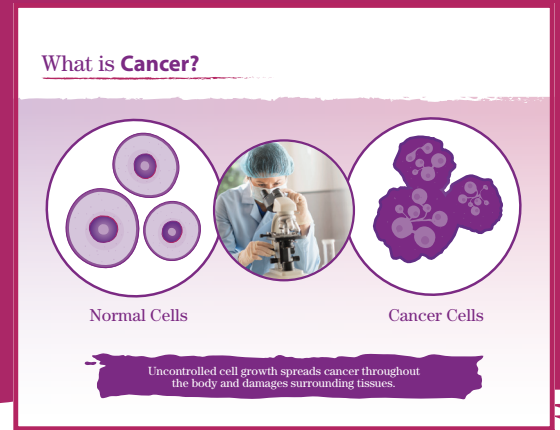
Normal Cells



Cancer Cells

Uncontrolled cell growth spreads cancer throughout the body and damages surrounding tissues.

What is Cancer?



Cancer is a disease that starts in our cells.

Cancer happens when cells grow differently from normal cells and at a faster speed.

Cancer tests are done and sent to the lab where they are looked at through a microscope to see if the cells are normal or abnormal.

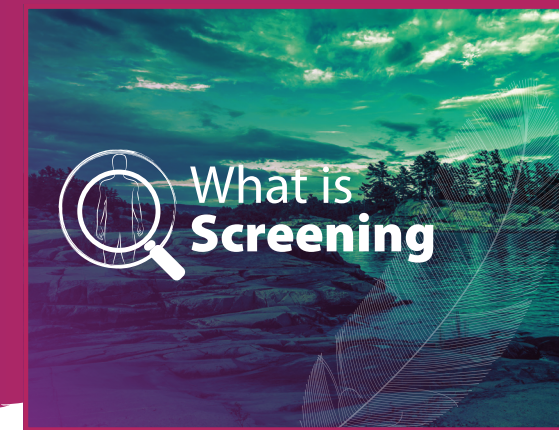
If cells are abnormal further testing will be required.



What is **Screening**



What is Cancer Screening?



The goal of cancer screening is to find the sickness early, before you have symptoms, before it has a chance to grow.

Finding cancer early is one of the best ways we have of curing it.

When cancer is found early, it is easier to treat and treatment is more effective.

Screening tests are not perfect, but the positives outweigh the negatives.

Getting screened regularly leads to healthier lives for you, your family, and your community.

There are Currently 3 Provincial Screening Programs in Ontario:

Ontario Cervical Screening Program (OCSP)

Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP)

ColonCancerCheck Program (CCC)

Organized screening programs may find cancer earlier, leading to better health outcomes.

Cancer screening detects pre-cancerous changes, or cancer at an early stage when there is a better chance of treating it successfully.

Screening is for people who do not have any cancer symptoms.
