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MSK doctors specialize in managing blood disorders while treating cancer.

Blood-related disorders and complications are often side effects of cancer treatment or certain types of cancer. These problems can include [blood clots](#), [bleeding disorders](#), and [anemia](#). Blood complications can make cancer treatment more challenging.

For people who already had a blood disorder before their cancer diagnosis, cancer treatments such as chemotherapy may make it worse.

Preventing Blood-Related Complications

This information is about cancer-related blood disorders.

You may also be interested in reading about [rare blood disorders](#), or in blood cancers, such as:

[Leukemia](#)

[Lymphoma](#)

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Preventing blood-related complications during cancer treatment begins with a full exam. You will be asked about your family history and if you already have any blood conditions. Your doctor will also check for any symptoms that might indicate you have a blood problem.

Before you begin cancer treatment, you will be given blood tests. These measure your blood cell counts and your ability to form blood clots. This information helps your cancer care team plan your treatment in a way that prevents blood problems. While you are receiving cancer therapy, you will have more tests to monitor your blood and identify any blood clots that may have developed.

Having blood specialists on our staff is critical. This allows us to prevent blood conditions from becoming life-threatening. We can increase your comfort during your cancer therapy. That means you can complete your treatment with as few interruptions as possible.

Why Choose Memorial Sloan Kettering?

At Memorial Sloan Kettering, we make the prevention and treatment of blood complications part of your overall treatment plan. We have a team of doctors who specialize in managing blood disorders while treating cancer. Our Hematology Service works closely with your cancer care team, no matter what type of cancer you have. We identify and manage any blood complications during your treatment. We also:

- assess your risk of developing blood problems

- ensure that your cancer treatment is not compromised by a blood complication

- perform additional blood tests during your regular follow-up visits if you experience a complication during treatment

Our team includes specially trained nurses who carefully monitor you throughout your treatment. We respond swiftly to any blood problems that may arise. We can administer medications to help manage blood conditions.

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