How is Immuno-Oncology different from other types of cancer treatment?

**Immuno-Oncology**
uses drugs called cancer immunotherapies to activate cells of your immune system that attack cancer cells, but it might also harm healthy cells.

**Chemotherapy**
uses drugs to attack rapidly dividing cells, like cancer cells. However, it might also injure healthy cells that are rapidly dividing.

**Targeted therapy**
uses drugs to attack cancer cells more specifically than chemotherapy. Still, targeted therapy might damage healthy cells.

**Radiation therapy**
uses beams of intense energy to target the cancer site. Even with careful planning, this therapy can still hurt healthy cells.
How Does Immunotherapy Work?

Your immune system can protect you by fighting cancer cells. This keeps your body in balance.

Sometimes, cancer cells can escape the immune system. Cancer cells that are still in the body can continue to grow. This throws off your body’s balance.

Immunotherapies can help restore your immune system’s ability to find and fight cancer cells.

Immunotherapy is another option for some people living with cancer. It is not right for everyone. Discuss with your healthcare team to see if immunotherapy is right for you.