

UNDERSTANDING CANCER BIOMARKERS



Biomarkers are substances found in the **blood, urine, stool, other bodily fluids, or tissues**. These biomarkers may be elevated in some patients with cancer.

The presence – or absence – of a specific biomarker **can help inform therapeutic options** for a patient.

BIOMARKERS CAN HELP

Diagnose cancer

Predict or check responses to certain therapies

Determine whether a cancer has returned following remission

20+ cancer biomarkers
are currently in use

Cancer research continues to focus on using each individual's unique characteristics – including biomarkers – to guide prevention, diagnosis, and treatment decisions.

