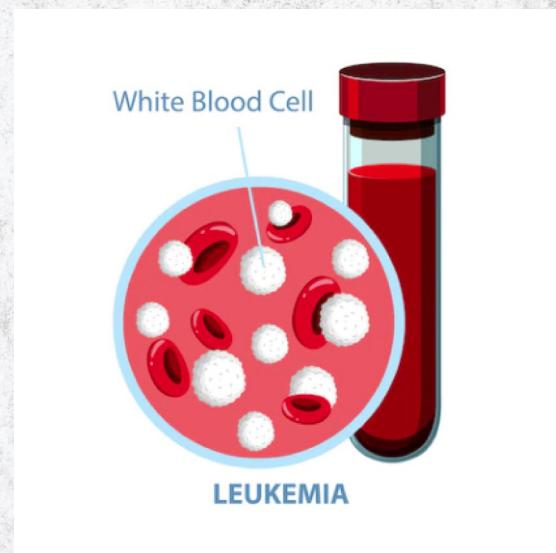


Leukemia:



Leukemia is cancer of the body's blood-forming tissues, including the bone marrow and the lymphatic system.

It usually involves white blood cells that are potent infection fighters.

Symptoms:

- Fever
- Night sweats
- Frequent infections
- Weight loss
- Headaches
- Joint pain
- Hemorrhage
- Skin bruising
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Extreme fatigue

Causes:

Researchers didn't discover yet the exact causes of leukemia. It seems to develop from a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Risk Factors:

- Exposure to high energy radiation from an atomic bomb or a nuclear power plant.
- Exposure to certain chemicals, such as benzene or formaldehyde.
- Disorder in blood.
- Genetic disorders such as Down syndrome.
- Some types of viruses can cause tumors, such as the hepatitis B virus and the HIV virus.
- Family history of leukemia, but this is very rare.

Prevention:

Avoiding exposure to radiation, chemicals and viral infections may reduce the risk of leukemia.

