Cancer

Starter

A communicable disease can be spread between living things and are caused by pathogens whereas a non-communicable disease cannot be spread between living things and are not caused by pathogens, but instead lifestyle choices.

Key notes

* Benign and malignant tumours result from abnormal, uncontrolled cell division.
* Benign tumours form in one place and do not spread to other tissues
* Malignant tumour cells are cancers. They invade neighbouring tissues and may spread to different parts of the body in the blood from where they form secondary tumours.
* Lifestyle risk factors for various types of cancer include smoking, alcohol, some viruses and exposure to ionising radiation
* Something that increases the risk of cancer is called a carcinogen
* There are also genetic risk factors for some cancers