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Mass of abnormally growing cells.

Tumor is the term applied to any collection of abnormally growing cells. In most instances, tumors are solid, although health care professionals use the term *solid tumor* specifically to describe a localized mass of abnormally growing tissue. Solid tumors that are cancerous are termed malignant; those that are not cancerous are termed benign.

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