

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

What Makes Pancreatic Cancer So Deadly?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	THE STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING.
Suresh Chari, M.D.	"IF YOU TOOK 100 PATIENTS WITH PANCREATIC CANCER, PROBABLY 3 WILL SURVIVE FIVE YEARS."
	BUT IT'S THE WAY THAT PANCREATIC CANCER KILLS THAT IS INTRIGUING TO MAYO CLINIC DR. SURESH CHARI.
Dr. Chari	"THE REASON PATIENTS DIE OF THIS DISEASE IS NOT NECESSARILY EXTENSIVE DISEASE OCCUPYING THE ENTIRE BODY, BUT SOMETHING THIS CANCER PRODUCES WHICH COMPLETELY SHUTS OFF THE

	APPETITE AND MAKES YOUR MUSCLES JUST MELT AWAY. SO PATIENTS BECOME VERY WEAK VERY QUICKLY.”
	FINDING A WAY TO BLOCK THAT EFFECT COULD HELP PROLONG SURVIVAL.
Dr. Chari	“THE OTHER THING THAT WOULD MAKE PANCREATIC CANCER A MUCH LESS LETHAL DISEASE IS IF WE COULD SOMEHOW MAKE IT A SLOW-GROWING CANCER INSTEAD OF THE AGGRESSIVE CANCER THAT IT IS.”
	WHILE RESEARCH INTO PANCREATIC CANCER HAS LAGGED BEHIND, DR. CHARI IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.