

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Mouth Sores and Chemotherapy

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	NAUSEA, HAIR LOSS AND FATIGUE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS THAT COME WITH CHEMOTHERAPY. SO ARE MOUTH SORES. DR. JUDITH KAUR, A MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST AT MAYO CLINIC EXPLAINS WHY.
Judith Kaur, M.D.	"CHEMOTHERAPY IS MEANT TO ATTACK CELLS THAT ARE RAPIDLY GROWING, MAINLY CANCER CELLS. BUT BECAUSE OTHER PARTS OF THE OUR BODY HAVE A VERY HIGH CELL TURNOVER, THE LINING OF THE MOUTH BEING ONE OF THOSE AREAS, THE LINING OF THE MOUTH IS VERY PRONE TO GETTING

	SORES DURING CHEMOTHERAPY.”
	NOW CANKER SORES MAY NOT SEEM LIKE SUCH A BIG DEAL. AND MEDICALLY, IT’S TRUE THAT THEY’RE NOT DANGEROUS. BUT...
Dr. Kaur	“WE’RE VERY PROACTIVE ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN ORDER FOR PATIENTS TO HAVE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF THE CHEMOTHERAPY. “
	SO WHETHER IT’S CANKER SORES, NAUSEA OR HAIRLOSS, THAT MEANS PROVIDING THE SUPPORTIVE CARE PATIENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE CHEMOTHERAPY MORE TOLERABLE.”
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.