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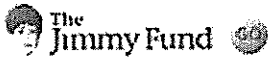
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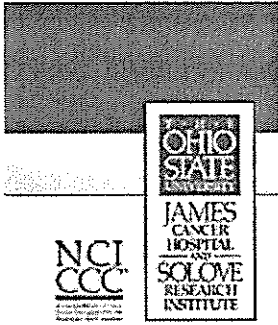
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R

R-flurbiprofen

A substance that is being studied as a treatment for cancer. It belongs to the family of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

r-tPA

Recombinant tissue plasminogen activator. A protein that is made by the body and that dissolves blood clots. It can also be made in the laboratory and is used in the treatment of heart disease and stroke. It is also being studied in the treatment of cancer. r-tPA belongs to the family of drugs called systemic thrombolytic agents. Also called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), Alteplase.

R101933

A substance that is being studied for its ability to make cancer cells respond to drugs that have become resistant. It belongs to the family of drugs called multidrug resistance inhibitors.

R115777

An anticancer drug that inhibits the transformation of normal cells to cancer cells. It belongs to the family of drugs called enzyme inhibitors. Also called tipifarnib.

rabies

A disease of the nervous system caused by the rabies virus. Rabies is marked by an increase in saliva production, abnormal behavior, and eventual paralysis and death.

radiation

Energy released in the form of particles or electromagnetic waves. Common sources include radon gas, cosmic rays from outer space, and medical x-rays.

radiation fibrosis

The formation of scar tissue as a result of radiation therapy.

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rofecoxib

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rosiglitazone

A drug taken to help reduce the amount of sugar in the blood. Rosiglitazone helps maintain blood sugar levels and improves regulation of blood sugar. It belongs to the family of drugs called thiazolidinediones.

RPI.4610

A substance that is being studied as a treatment for cancer. It belongs to the family of drugs called angiogenesis inhibitors.

RPR 109881A

A drug that belongs to the family of anticancer drugs called taxanes.

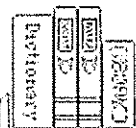
RSR13

A drug that may increase the effectiveness of radiation therapy. Also called efaproxir

RSV

Respiratory syncytial virus. A virus that causes respiratory infections with cold-like symptoms.

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radiation nurse

A health professional who specializes in caring for people who are receiving radiation therapy

radiation oncologist

(ray-dee-AY-shun on-KOL-o-jist) A doctor who specializes in using radiation to treat cancer

family of drugs called antibiotics

risedronate

(ris-ED-roe-nate) A substance that is being studied in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. It belongs to the family of drugs called bone resorption inhibitors

risk factor

Something that may increase the chance of developing a disease. Some examples of risk factors for cancer include age, a family history of certain cancers, use of tobacco products, certain eating habits, obesity, exposure to radiation or other cancer-causing agents, and certain genetic changes

ritonavir

A drug that belongs to the family of drugs called protease inhibitors. It interferes with the ability of a virus to make copies of itself

rituximab

A type of monoclonal antibody used in cancer detection or therapy. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-produced substances that can locate and bind to cancer cells

RK-0202

A substance that is being studied in the prevention of oral mucositis in patients receiving radiation therapy or chemotherapy for head and neck cancer

RMP-7

A substance that is being studied for its ability to help other drugs reach the brain. It belongs to the family of drugs called bradykinin agonists. Also called lobradimil

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