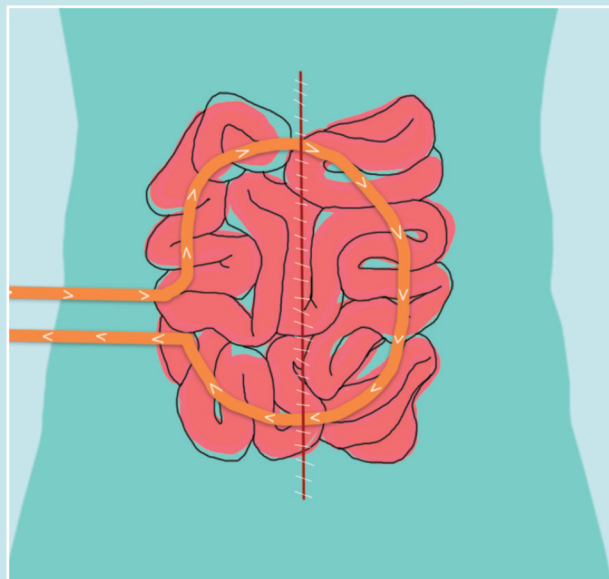
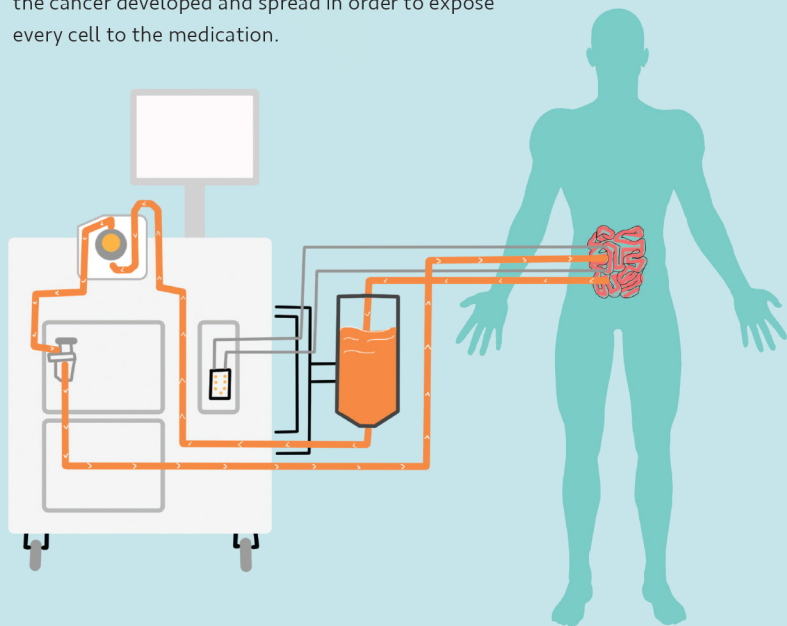


# HIPEC: HOW IT WORKS

Hyperthermic intraoperative peritoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) is a long title for a complex type of cancer treatment that very few hospitals offer. The treatment is designed to place chemotherapy in the tissues where the cancer developed and spread in order to expose every cell to the medication.



1. Near the end of surgery to remove cancer, doctors pump heated chemotherapy into the patient's abdominal cavity.
2. The patient's belly is massaged to circulate the chemotherapy solution throughout the abdomen. This takes about an hour.
3. The chemotherapy is drained from the patient's body.
4. The abdomen is rinsed, and the incision is closed.



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