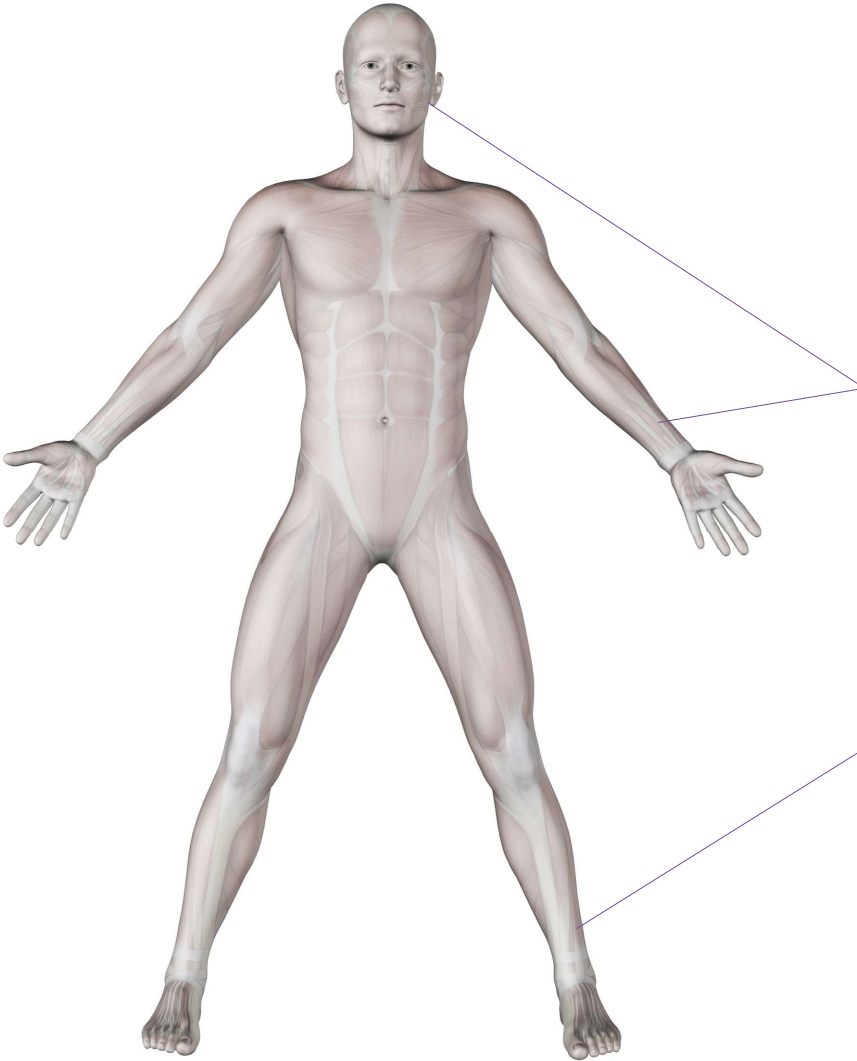


Nerve Problems

What are the symptoms?

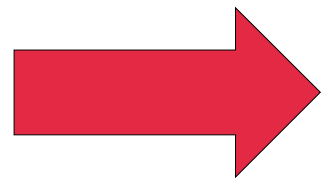
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- **Trouble walking**
- **Difficulty writing**
- **Tremors (shakes)**
- **Trouble holding items (dropping things)**
- **Having a difficult time getting dressed (eg, buttoning buttons)**

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Why should you report these symptoms early to your oncology team?



Reporting symptoms early increases your chances of staying on your treatment

- Steps can be taken to address your symptoms early
- Loss of muscle control  unable to walk
- Numbness in hands or feet  permanent nerve damage

How can I take care of my nervous system?

DO

- Keep track of your symptoms
- Tell your oncologist any medications and supplements you are taking

DON'T

- Start taking any new medications without informing your oncology team
- Attempt to drive or walk unaided if your symptoms are bad

Who will help me with neurologic side effects?

YOUR ONCOLOGIST



- Always call your oncologist first
- They'll manage most symptoms with medications and close monitoring

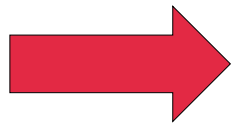
BUT, if symptoms progress

- A doctor who specializes in neural issues (neurologist) may need to help
- You may need additional workup, supportive medications, and steroids
- Severe or life-threatening symptoms
 - May require that you be admitted to the hospital and treated by a neurologist
 - In that case, specialized care or medicine may be given to you

When should I be most concerned?

If you experience

- **Trouble breathing along with any weakness, tremor, or difficulty functioning your limbs**



Call your oncologist IMMEDIATELY and be prepared to go to the emergency room