KEY CONCEPT

Cell cycle regulation is necessary for healthy growth.



Internal and external factors regulate cell division.

- External factors include physical and chemical signals.
- Growth factors are proteins that stimulate cell division.
 - Most mammal cells form a single layer in a culture dish and stop dividing once they touch other cells.

Normal cell growth



• Two of the most important internal factors are kinases and cyclins.

• External factors trigger internal factors, which affect the cell cycle.

- Apoptosis is programmed cell death.
 - a normal feature of healthy organisms
 - caused by a cell's production of self-destructive enzymes
 - occurs in development of infants



Cell division is uncontrolled in cancer.

- Cancer cells form disorganized clumps called tumors.
 - Benign tumors remain clustered and can be removed.
 - Malignant tumors metastasize, or break away, and can form more tumors.



- Cancer cells do not carry out necessary functions.
- Cancer cells come from normal cells with damage to genes involved in cell-cycle regulation.

Cancerous cell growth



- Carcinogens are substances known to promote cancer.
- Standard cancer treatments typically kill both cancerous and healthy cells.

