

ETOPOSIDE

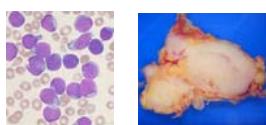
- **Etoposide, etoposide phosphate or VP-16** (current brand name: **Etopophos**) is a cytotoxic agent (anticancer drug)

#### **Administration of Etoposide**

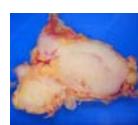


It must be done slowly over a 30- to 60-minute period because it can lower blood pressure

## **Use of Etoposide**



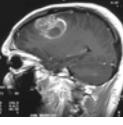
## Leukemia



## Lymphoma



## Lung cancer



## Glioblastoma multiforme



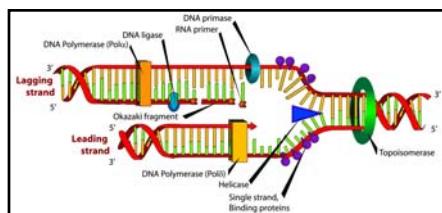
#### Kaposi's sarcoma



## **carcoma**

Kaposi's sarcoma

#### Mode of action



**Etoposide** belongs to the drug type  
**Topoisomerase Inhibitor**

## Mode of action

Etoposide forms a complex with DNA and the **topoisomerase II** enzyme

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prevents re-ligation of the DNA strands

by doing so causes DNA strands to break.

Cancer cells rely on this enzyme more than healthy cells, since they divide more rapidly. Therefore, this causes **errors in DNA synthesis** and promotes **apoptosis** of the cancer cell.

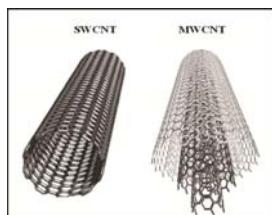
## **Side Effects**

- Chemotherapy (Etoposide) is most effective at killing cells that are rapidly dividing.
  - Unfortunately, chemotherapy does not know the difference between the cancerous cells and the normal cells.
  - The "normal" cells will grow back and be healthy but in the meantime, side effects occur.
  - The "normal" cells most commonly affected by chemotherapy are the blood cells, the cells in the mouth, stomach and bowel, and the hair follicles.



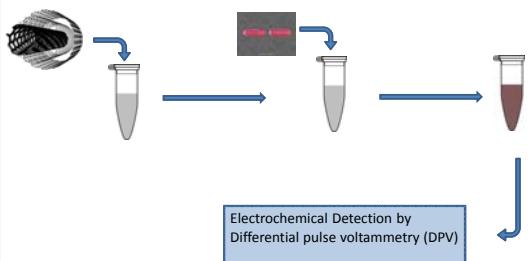
Low blood counts      Mouth sores      Nausea      Diarrhea      Hair loss

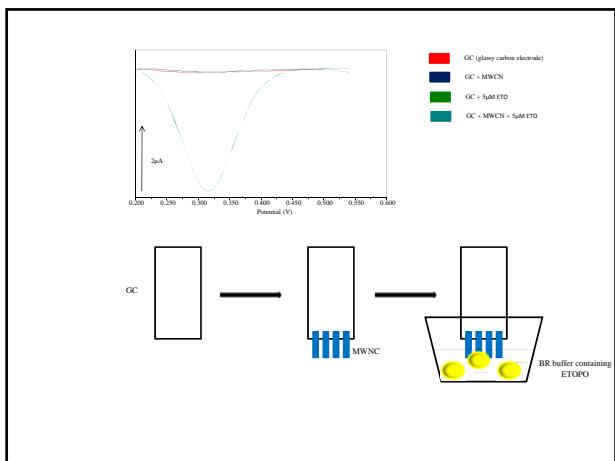
## **Carbon nanotubes**



**Carbon nanotubes (CNTs)** are allotropes of carbon with a cylindrical nanostructure.

## **Modification of multiwall carbon nanotube with Etoposide**






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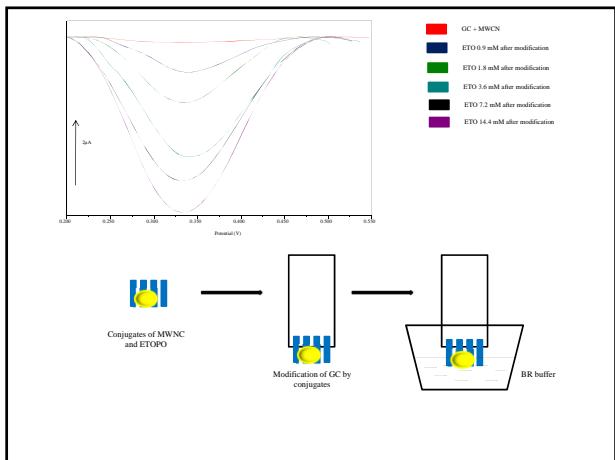
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