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**KEY CONCEPT**

Cell cycle regulation is necessary for healthy growth.
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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.
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- Two of the most important internal factors are kinases and cyclins.

- External factors trigger internal factors, which affect the cell cycle.
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- 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
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- **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.
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- Cancer cells do not carry out necessary functions.
- Cancer cells come from normal cells with damage to genes involved in cell-cycle regulation.
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- Carcinogens are substances known to promote cancer.
- Standard cancer treatments typically kill both cancerous and healthy cells.