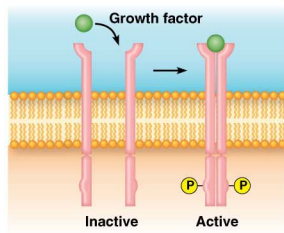


**Table 26-1 A Few Examples of Oncogenes Grouped by Protein Function**

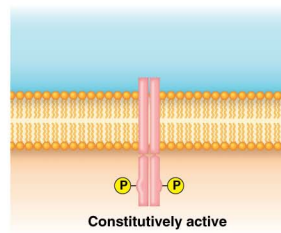
Oncogene Name	Protein Produced	Oncogene Origin	Common Cancer Type*
<b>1. Growth factors</b>			
<i>v-sis</i>	PDGF	Viral	Sarcomas (monkeys)
<i>COL1A1-PDGFB</i>	PDGF	Translocation	Fibrosarcoma
<b>2. Receptors</b>			
<i>v-erb-b</i>	Epidermal growth factor receptor	Viral	Leukemia (chickens)
<i>TRK</i>	Nerve growth factor receptor	DNA rearrangement	Thyroid
<i>ERBB2</i>	Epidermal growth factor receptor 2	Amplification	Breast
<i>v-mpl</i>	Thrombopoietin receptor	Viral	Leukemia (mice)
<b>3. Plasma membrane GTP-binding proteins</b>			
<i>KRAS</i>	Ras	Point mutation	Pancreas, colon, lung, others
<i>HRAS</i>	Ras	Point mutation	Bladder
<i>NRAS</i>	Ras	Point mutation	Leukemias
<b>4. Nonreceptor protein kinases</b>			
<i>BRAF</i>	Raf kinase	Point mutation	Melanoma
<i>v-src</i>	Src kinase	Viral	Sarcomas (chickens)
<i>SRC</i>	Src kinase	DNA rearrangement	Colon
<i>TEL-JAK2</i>	Jak kinase	Translocation	Leukemias
<i>BCR-ABL</i>	Abl kinase	Translocation	Chronic myelogenous leukemia
<b>5. Transcription factors</b>			
<i>MYC</i>	Myc	Translocation	Burkitt lymphoma
<i>MYCL</i>	Myc	Amplification	Small cell lung cancer
<i>c-myc</i>	Myc	Insertional mutagenesis	Leukemia (chickens)
<i>v-jun</i>	Jun	Viral	Sarcomas (chickens)
<i>v-fos</i>	Fos	Viral	Bone (mice)
<b>6. Cell cycle or apoptosis regulators</b>			
<i>CYCD1</i>	Cyclin	Amplification, translocation	Breast, lymphoma
<i>CDK4</i>	Cdk	Amplification	Sarcomas, glioblastoma
<i>BCL2</i>	Bcl-2	Translocation	Non-Hodgkins lymphoma
<i>MDM2</i>	Mdm2	Amplification	Sarcomas, lung, breast, others

\*Cancers are in humans unless otherwise specified. Only the most frequent cancer types are listed.

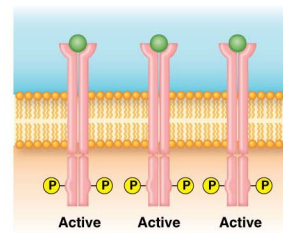
**(a) Normal receptor.** During normal receptor activation, binding of a growth factor to its receptor promotes the clustering of two receptor molecules, thereby causing the tyrosine kinase activity of each receptor to catalyze phosphorylation of the adjacent receptor (autophosphorylation).

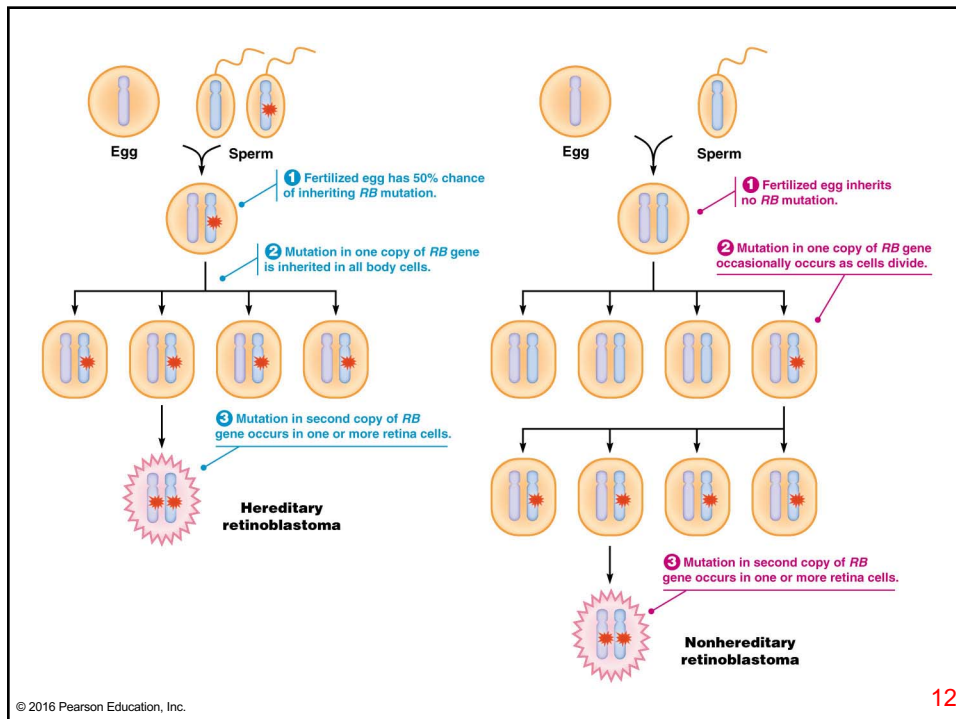
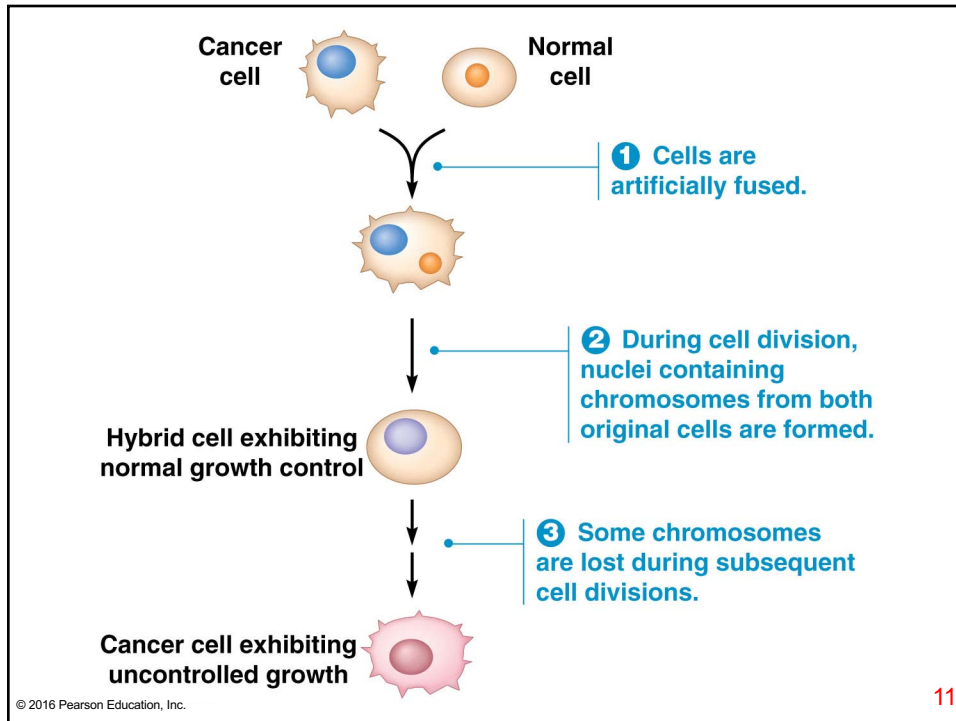


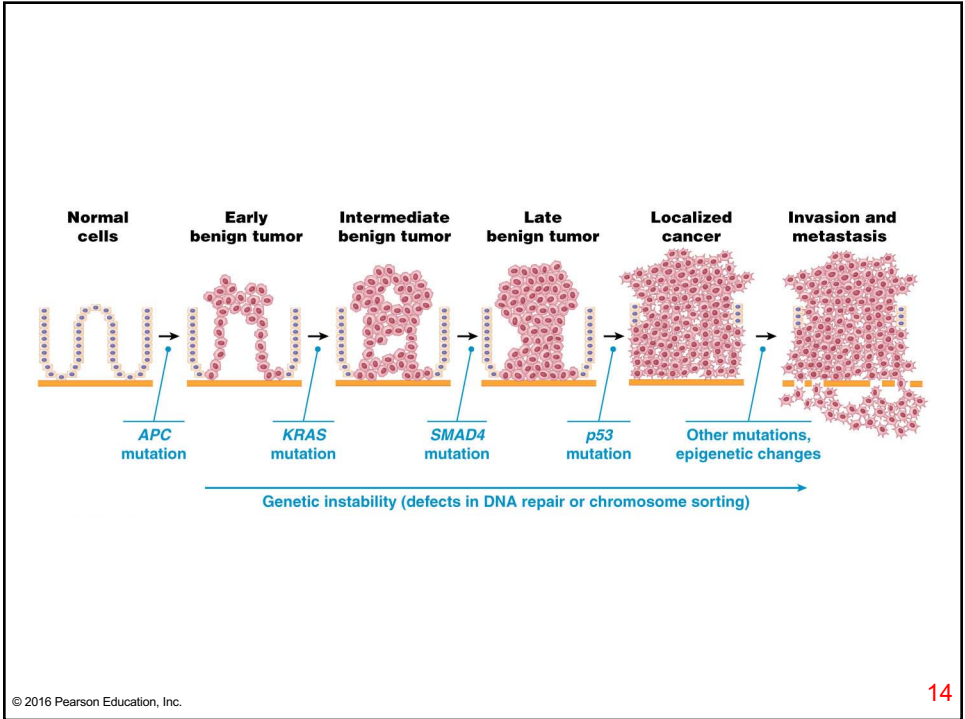
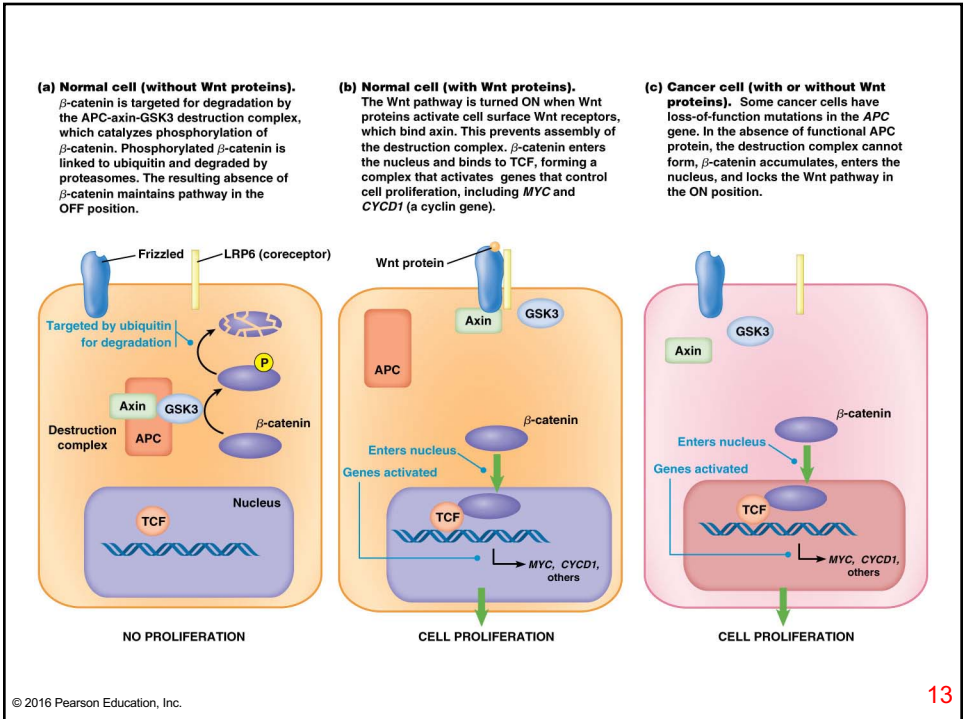
**(b) Mutant receptor.** Some oncogenes encode mutant receptors whose tyrosine kinase is permanently activated. Below is a mutant receptor missing its growth factor binding site, which makes the receptor constitutively active—that is, it exhibits tyrosine kinase activity even in the absence of growth factor.



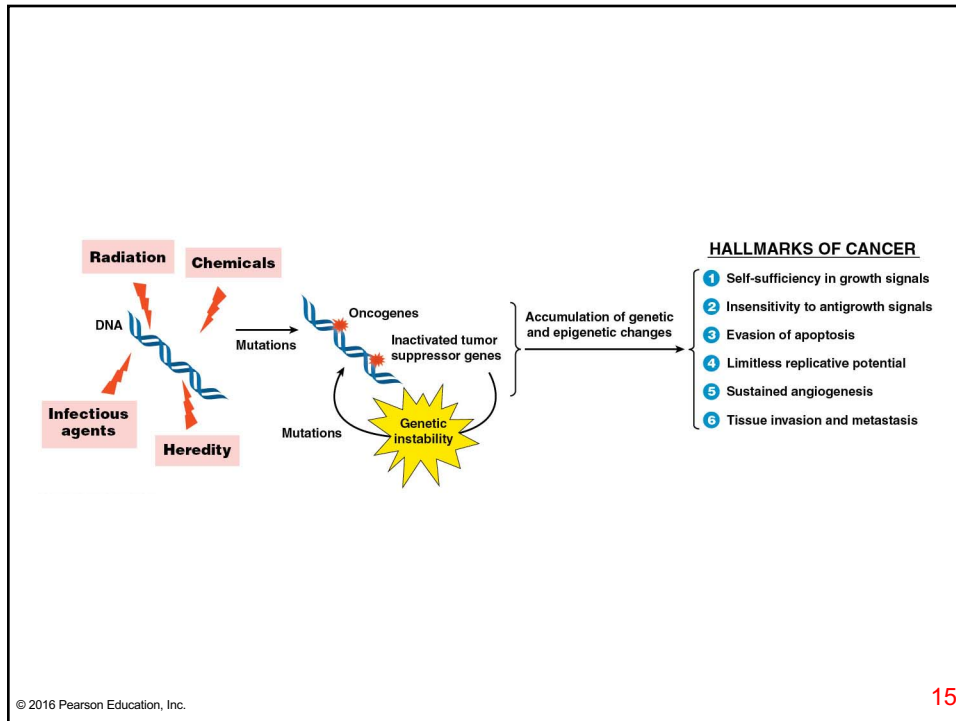
**(c) Amplified receptor.** Amplified oncogenes produce normal receptors but in excessive quantities, which also leads to excessive receptor activity.











**Table 26-3 Some Differences in the Microscopic Traits of Benign and Malignant Tumors**

Trait	Benign	Malignant
Nuclear size	Small	Large
N/C ratio (ratio of nuclear to cytoplasmic volume)	Low	High
Nuclear shape	Regular	Pleomorphic (irregular shape)
Mitotic index	Low	High
Tissue organization	Normal	Disorganized
Differentiation	Well differentiated	Poorly differentiated
Tumor boundary	Well defined	Poorly defined

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