

NECROSIS VS. APOPTOSIS -- BAD CELL DEATH VS. GOOD CELL DEATH

Necrosis is an abnormal death of tissue, like tissue that has been cut off from nourishment. If a tumor shows necrosis with no treatment, it means it is growing so fast that it is outgrowing its source of nourishment, the network of blood vessels that feeds it. That is not good.

Apoptosis When the immune system is involved, dead cells break up and get "eaten" by the blood cells that are part of the immune system's clean-up crew. The immune system causes a more normal kind of cell death called apoptosis

Necrotic tissue causes inflammation instead.

Here is a good comparison chart: http://www.diffen.com/difference/Apoptosis_vs_Necrosis