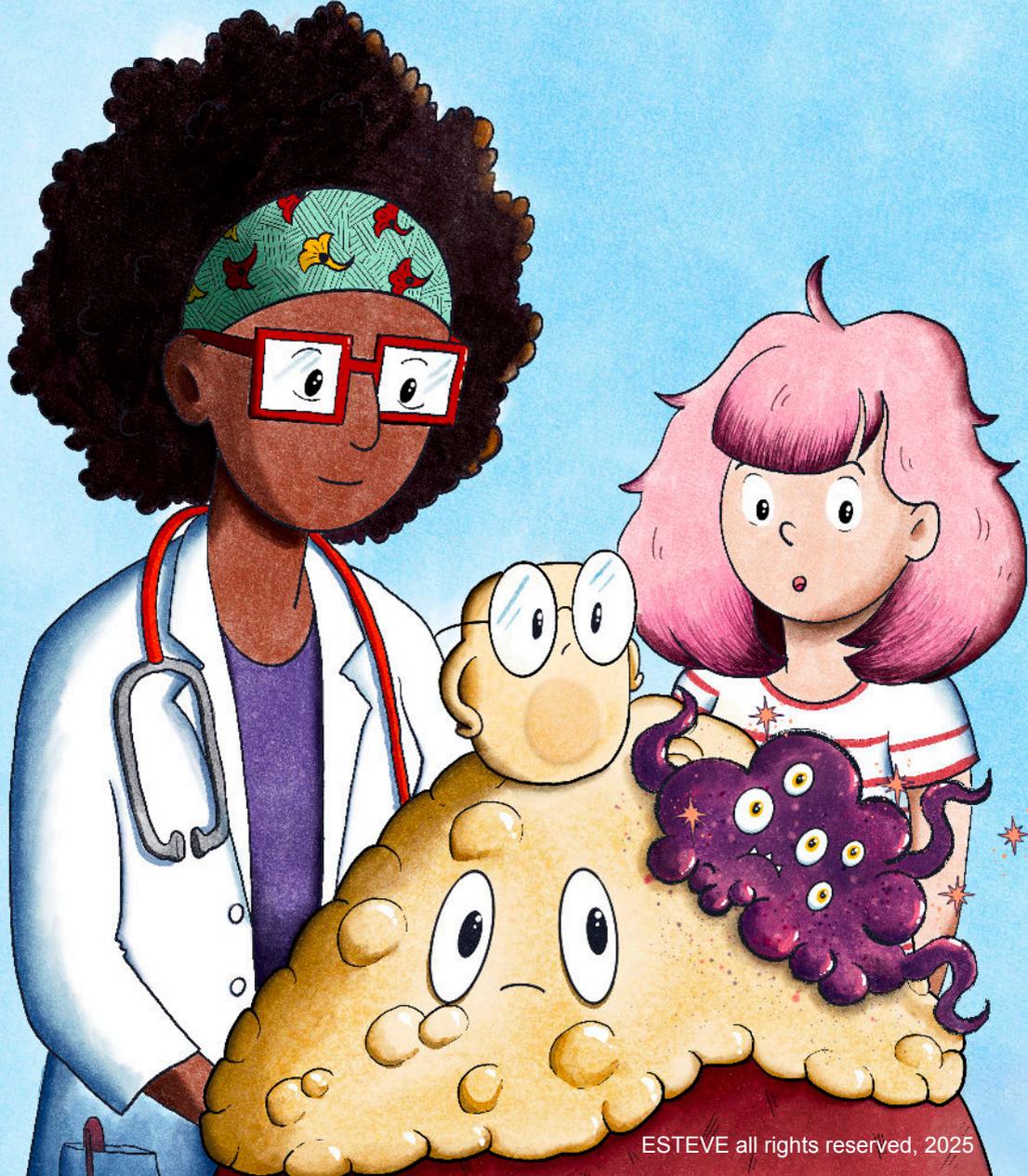


THE STORY OF ADRENOCORTICAL CARCINOMA



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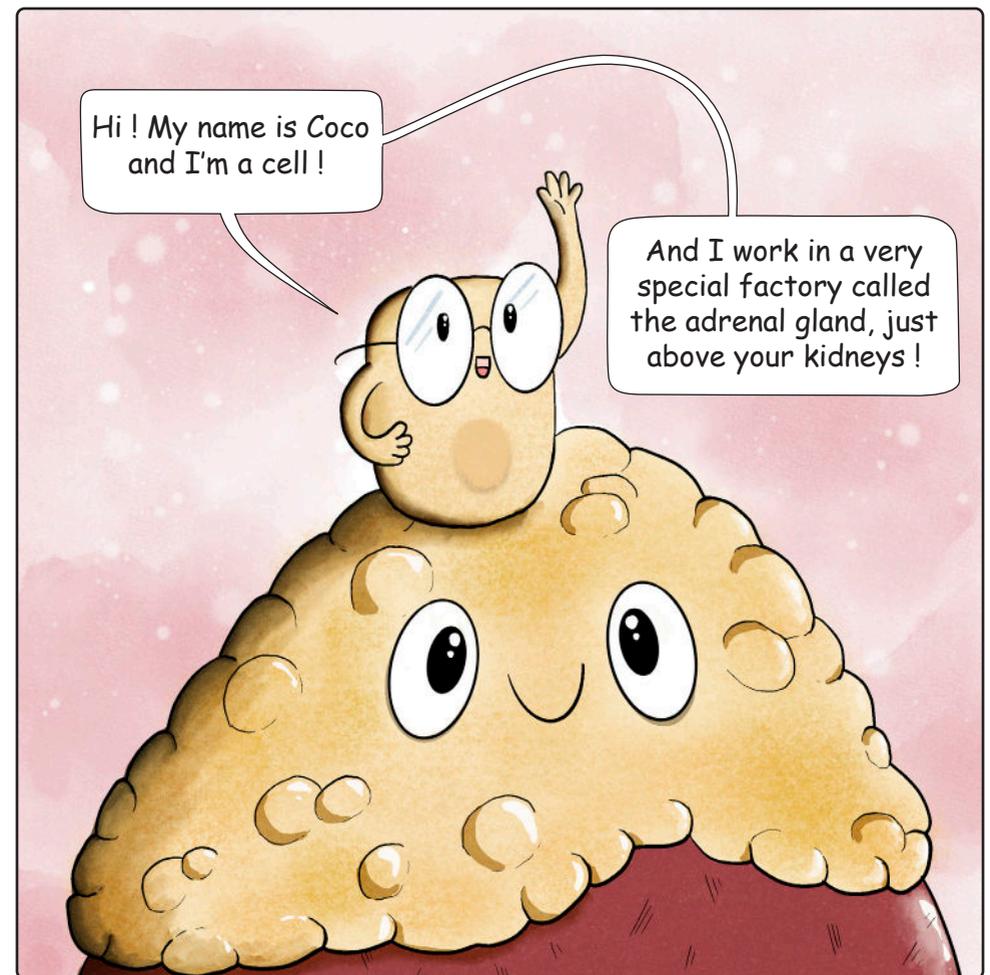
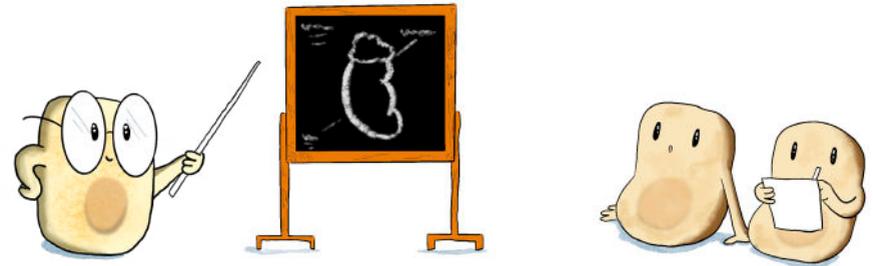
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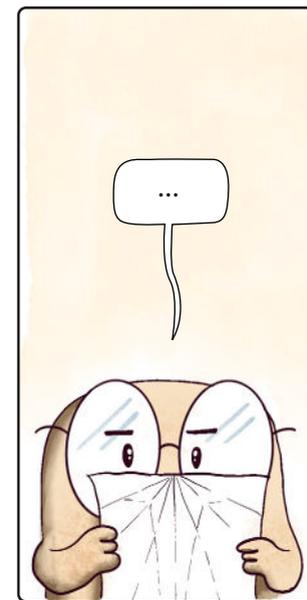
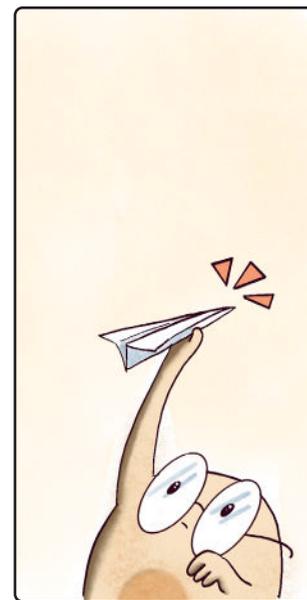
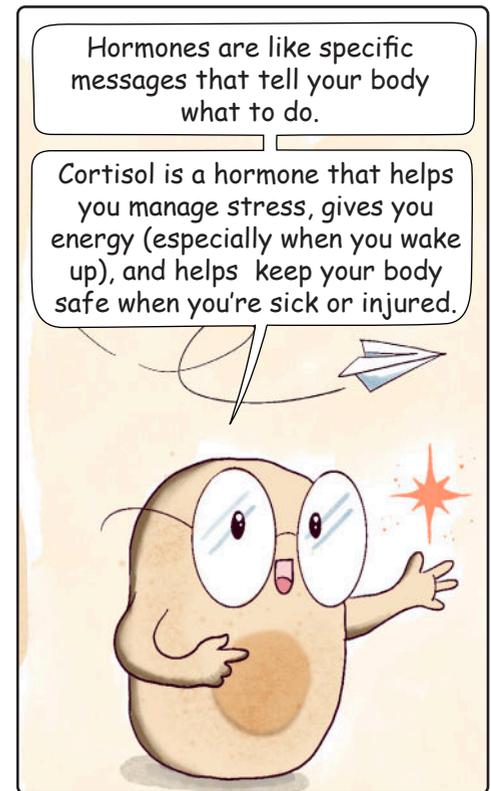
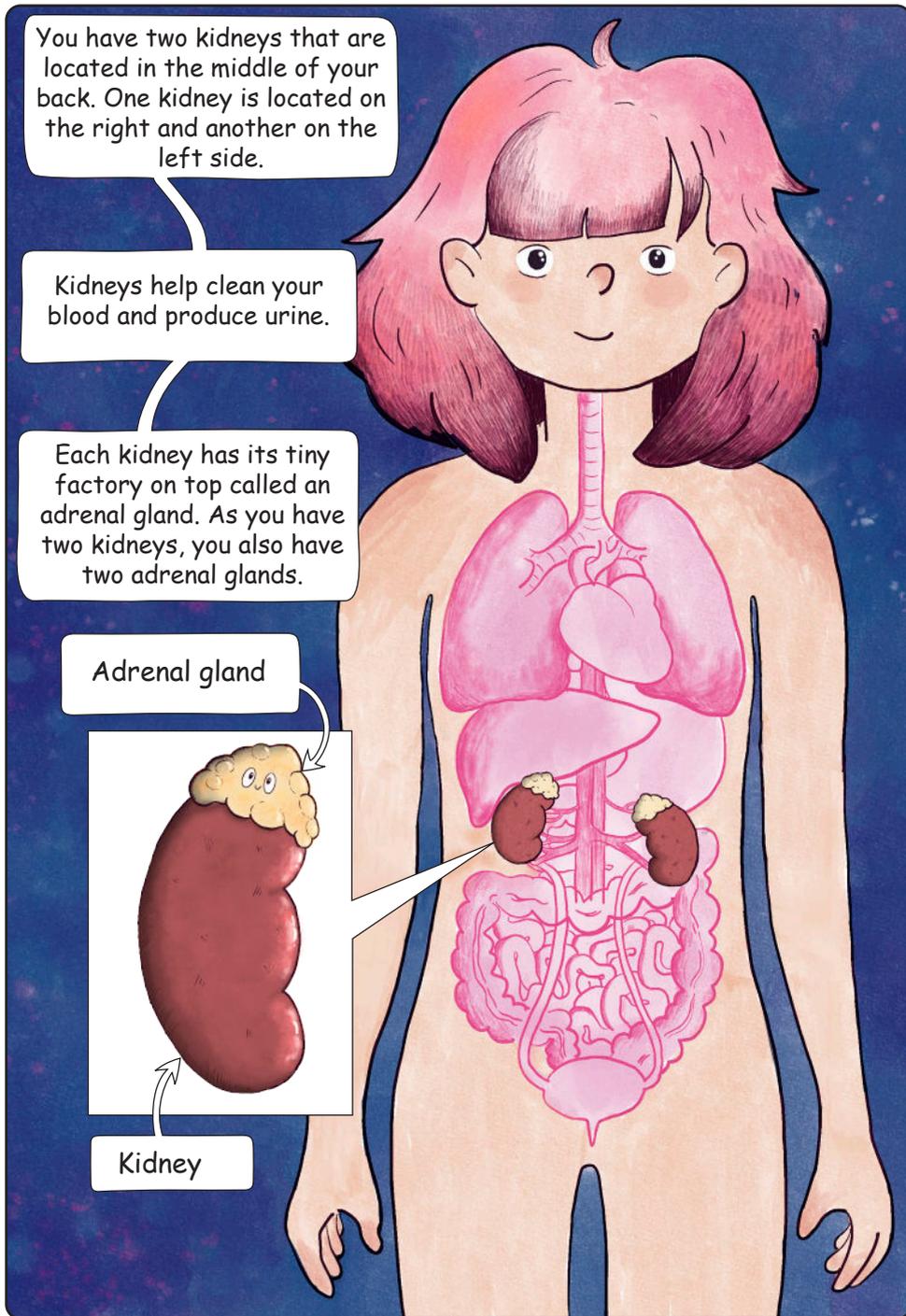
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<https://www.esteve.com/>
- Let's Cure ACC is the international patient advocacy group dedicated solely to adrenal carcinoma.
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1. THE ADRENAL GLAND, A SPECIAL FACTORY





In your brain, the adrenal glands have two big bosses that work together: the **Hypothalamus** and **Pituitary gland**.

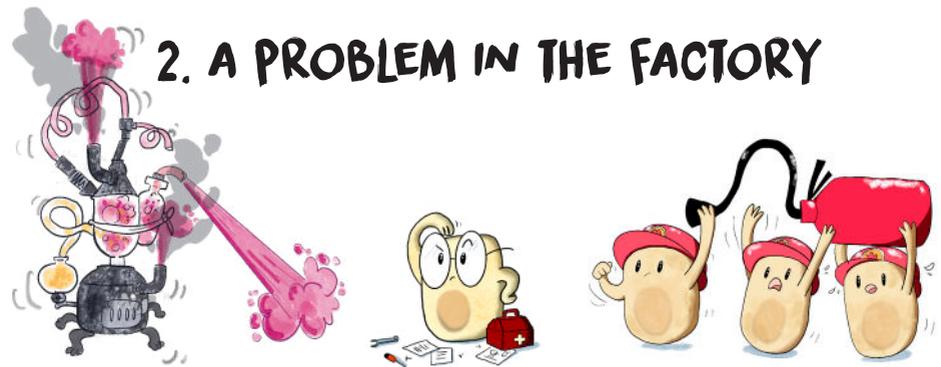
Hypothalamus

Pituitary gland

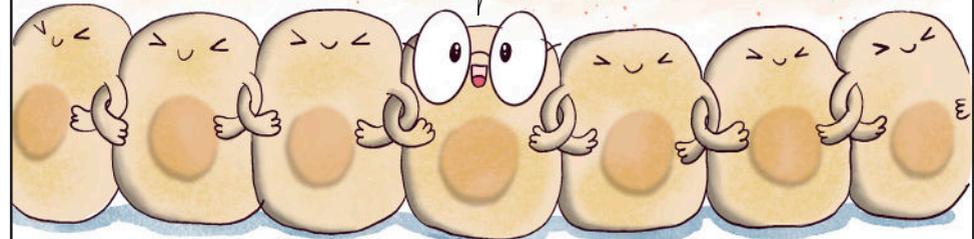
Both talk to each other and check regularly on your adrenal glands.



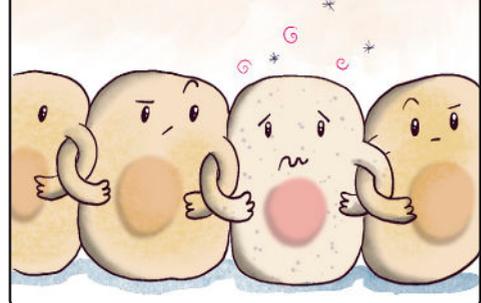
2. A PROBLEM IN THE FACTORY



Normally, the cells in your adrenal glands produce just the right amount of cortisol to keep your body healthy.



But sometimes, a cell gets sick ...

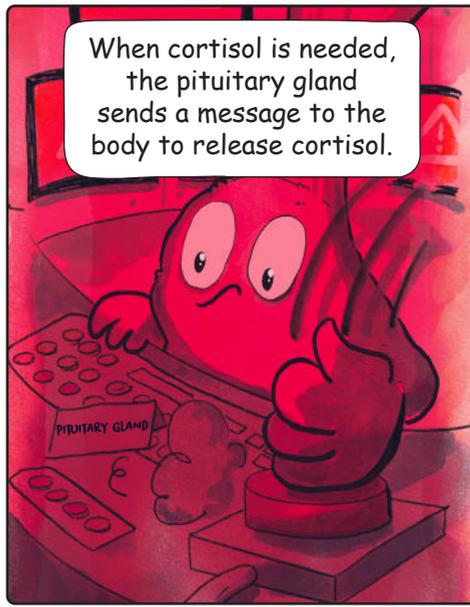
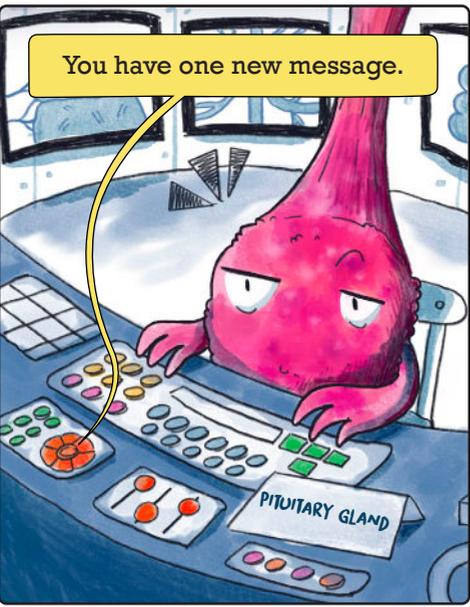


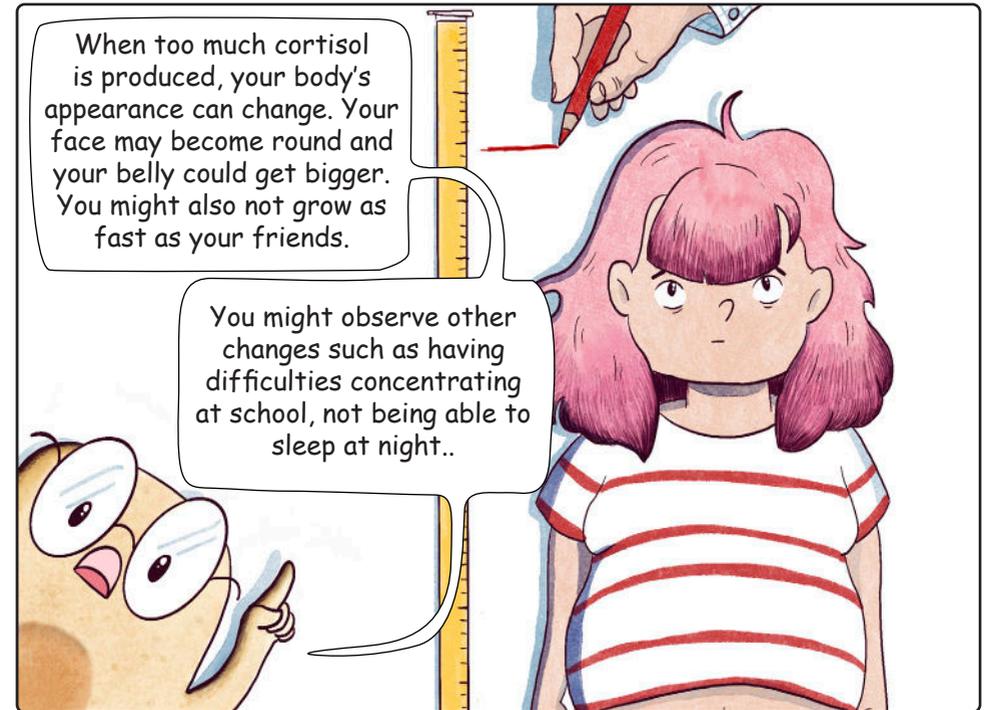
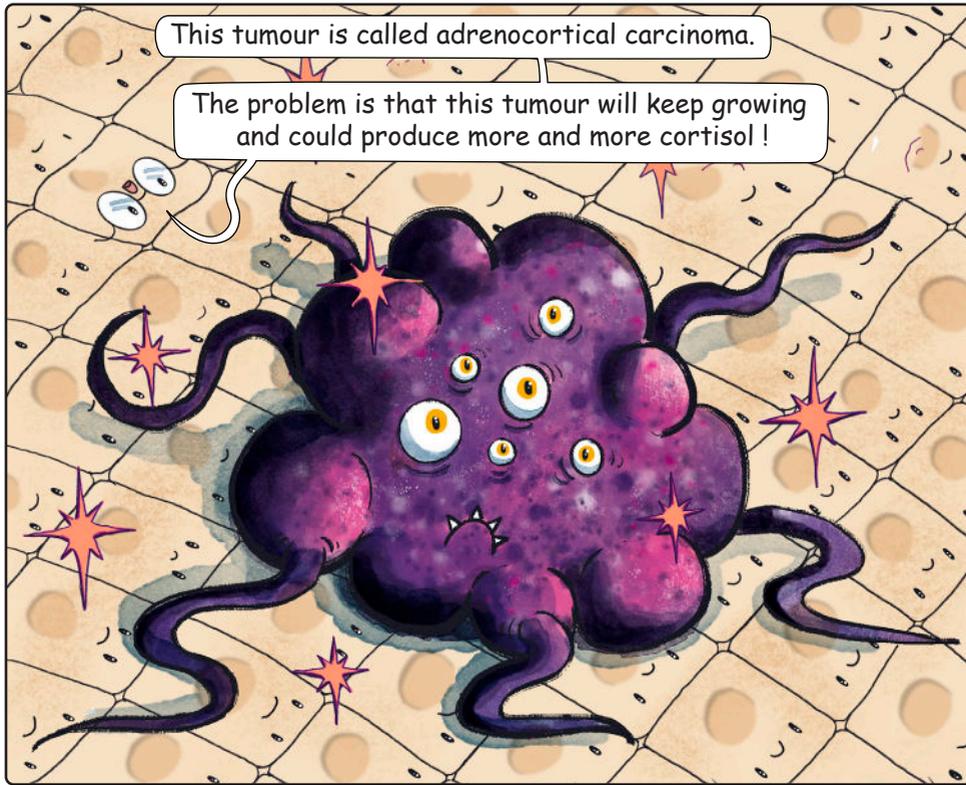
...and one sick cell can make more sick cells. Together these sick cells can form a group called a 'tumour'.



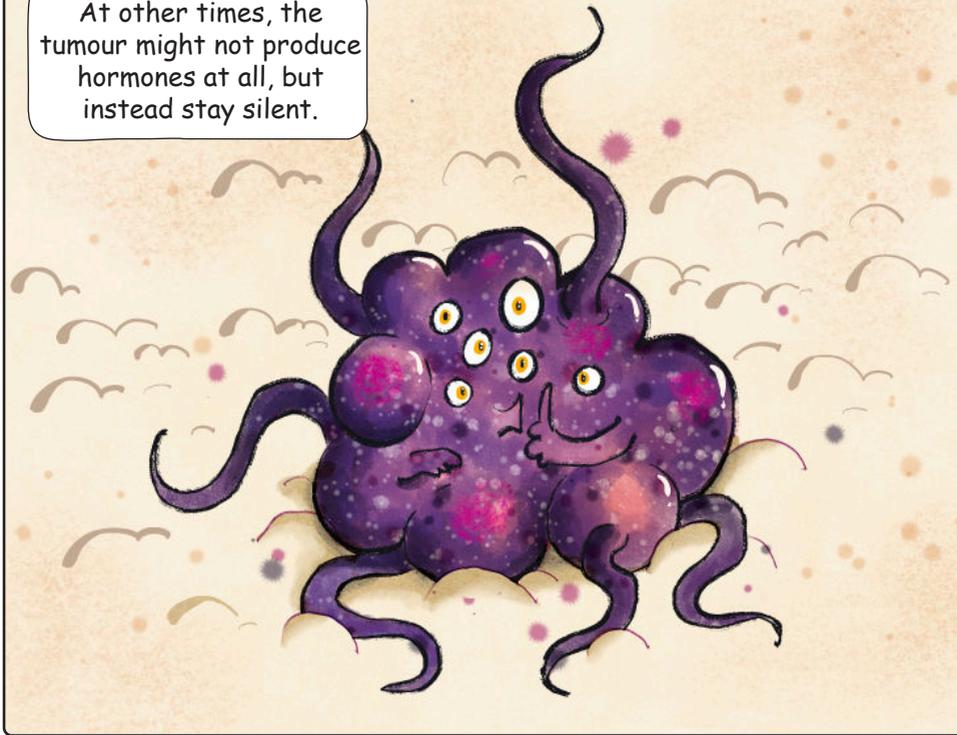
You have one new message.

When cortisol is needed, the pituitary gland sends a message to the body to release cortisol.

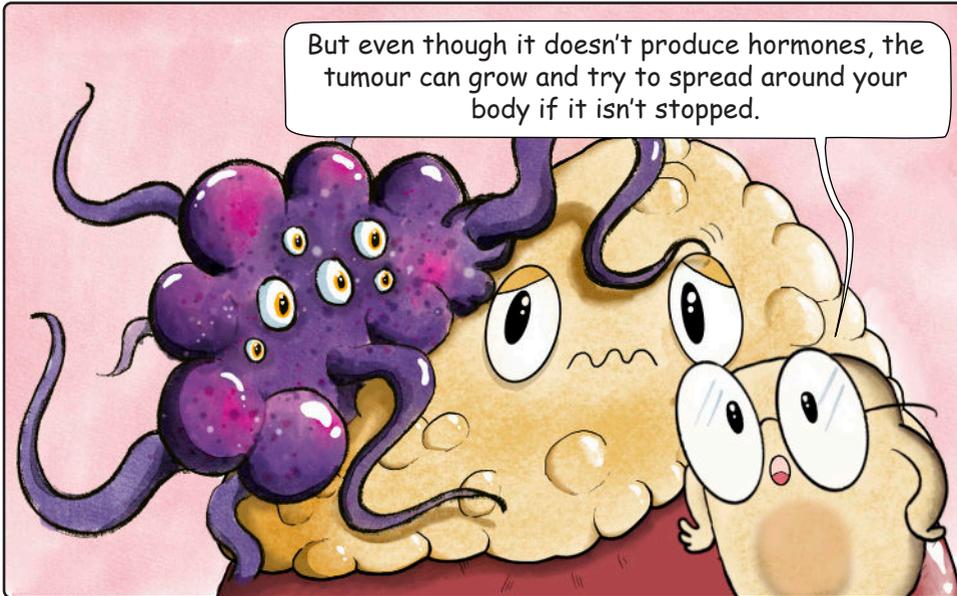




At other times, the tumour might not produce hormones at all, but instead stay silent.



But even though it doesn't produce hormones, the tumour can grow and try to spread around your body if it isn't stopped.

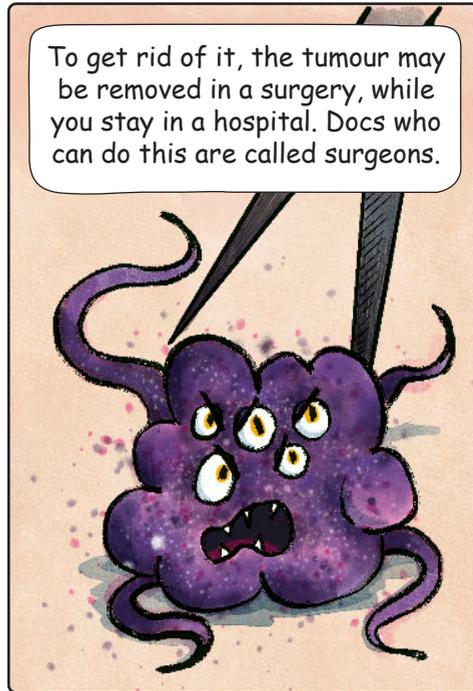
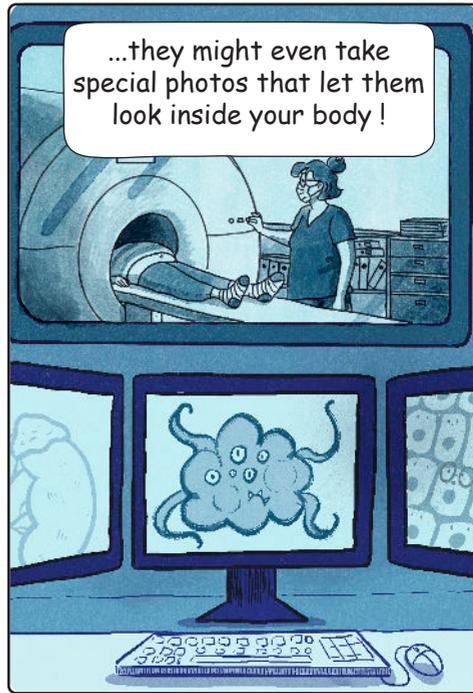
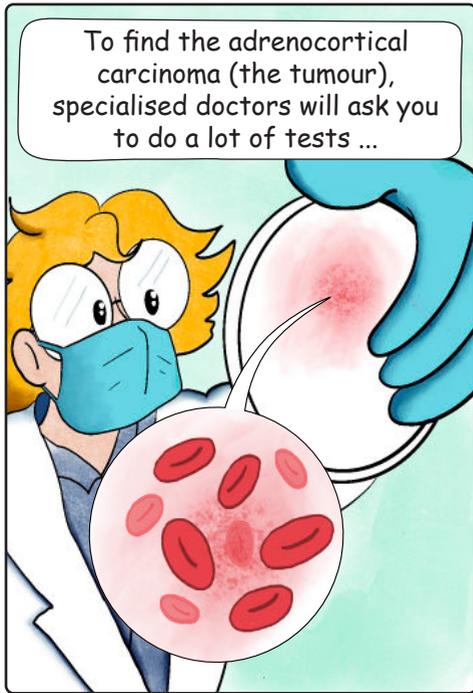


3. YOUR DOCTOR TO THE RESCUE !



Luckily, your doctor noticed that your adrenal factory wasn't working properly.

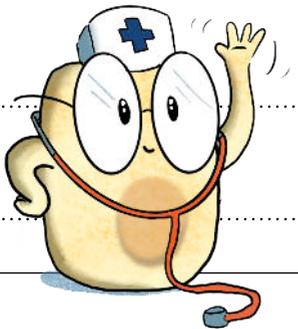




MY LITTLE NOTES

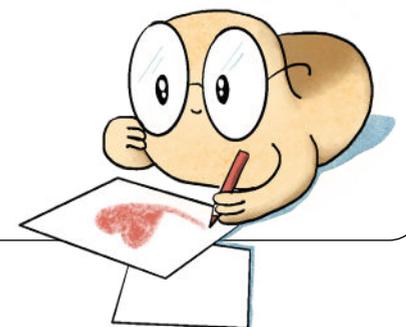
Here, you can write down any questions that pop into your head, or anything important you want to remember.

You can show these notes to the doctor next time !



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MY LITTLE DRAWINGS



Hi! My name is Coco. Come with me to learn about adrenocortical carcinoma. If you open the booklet, you'll discover loads of cool stuff!



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