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The p53 Gene and Cancer

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Student Handout
Advanced

10. What are the two roles of Mdm2 (slide 6)?

11. Watch the video clip on **slide 6** and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is the purpose of ubiquitin?

 - b. What is the role of the proteasome?

12. Hypothesize how Mdm2 “tags” p53 for degradation.

13. Read **slide 7** and watch the animation. Answer the following:
 - a. How does p53 “turn on” transcription?

 - b. Name two cell processes that are regulated by p53?

 - c. Cancer can be defined as “uncontrolled cell division.” Based on this definition, explain how mutations in the p53 gene play a role in cancer.