

Metastatic Cancer

In most cases, spinal metastatic cancer develops when cancer somewhere in the body transfers to the vertebra. Over time, the spinal column collapses, causing constant pain and deformity.

STEP 1

Cancer cells travel through the bloodstream to the vertebra.

STEP 2

The cancer destroys and dissolves the vertebral bone, causing deformity.

STEP 3

The tumor spreads to the discs above and below the vertebra

STEP 4

This causes the discs to collapse and squeeze the nerve roots.

