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**Fetotoxic:** Causing toxic, potentially lethal effects to the developing fetus.

**Fibrosarcoma:** A malignant tumour arising from connective tissue ([see 'tumour'](#)).

**First Pass Metabolism:** rapid uptake and metabolism of an agent by the intestine or the liver, immediately after enteric absorption and before it reaches the systemic circulation.

**Fluorescence In-Situ Hybridisation (FISH):** A technique that allows individual chromosomes and their centromeres to be visualised in cells.

**Forestomach:** ([See glandular stomach](#)).

**Free Radicals:** any molecular species capable of independent existence that contains an unpaired electron in an atomic orbital. Many radicals are unstable and highly reactive.

**Full gene sequence:** the complete order of bases in a gene. This order determines which protein a gene will produce.