

## Question checklist for hodgkin lymphoma

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Asking your doctor questions will help you make an informed choice. You may want to include some of the questions below in your own list.

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### Diagnosis

- What type of Hodgkin lymphoma do I have?
- Where is the lymphoma? What stage and risk category is it?
- Are the latest tests and treatments for lymphoma available in this hospital?
- Will a multidisciplinary team be involved in my diagnosis and treatment?
- Are there clinical guidelines for this type of lymphoma?

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### Treatment

- What treatment do you recommend? What is the aim of the treatment?
- Are there other treatment choices for me? If not, why not?
- If I don't have the treatment, what should I expect?
- I'm thinking of getting a second opinion. Can you recommend anyone?
- How long will treatment take? Will I have to stay in hospital?
- Are there any out-of-pocket expenses not covered by Medicare or my private health cover?  
Can the cost be reduced if I can't afford it?
- How will we know if the treatment is working?
- Are there any clinical trials or research studies I could join?

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### Side effects

- What are the risks and possible side effects of each treatment?
- Will the treatment affect my sex life and fertility?
- Will I have a lot of pain? What will be done about this?
- Can I work, drive and do my normal activities while having treatment?
- Should I change my diet or physical activity during or after treatment?
- Are there any complementary therapies that might help me?

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### After treatment

- How often will I need check-ups after treatment?
- Are there any long-term side effects or risks that I need to watch out for?
- If the lymphoma returns, how will I know? What treatments could I have?
- Are there any local support groups for people with Hodgkin lymphoma?

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### My questions

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