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Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: questions to ask your doctor

Being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma can be very worrying. You may find it hard to think of everything you want to ask your doctor. It might help to make a list of questions to ask your doctor.

Here are some questions you might want to ask.

- What is non-Hodgkin's lymphoma? What type do I have?
- How far has it spread?
- What kind of treatment will I need?
- Will treatment stop me working, running a household, or looking after my children?
- What are the main side effects? Will treatment be painful?
- Will I be treated at a cancer centre where the doctors are used to dealing with my kind of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma?
- Does this centre do research on new treatments for my kind of lymphoma?
- Can we talk about the pros and cons of taking part in a study of new treatments?
- Will I be able to have children after my treatment?
- Where can I go for help and support? Who can I talk to?

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