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People with an endocrine tumor may experience the following symptoms or signs. Sometimes, people with an endocrine tumor do not show any of these symptoms. Or, these symptoms may be caused by a medical condition that is not a tumor.

- Thickening or lump in any part of the body
- Persistent pain in a specific (localized) area
- Anxiety (including panic attacks)
- Irritability
- Depression
- Confusion
- Nervousness
- Fatique
- Fever
- Sweating
- Headaches
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Changes in bowel or bladder habits
- Unexplained weight gain or loss
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes)
- Facial flushing (redness and warm feeling over the face)
- Intestinal bleeding

Most symptoms of an endocrine tumor are specific to the type of tumor. For more information, see each individual <u>tumor type</u> [3].

If you are concerned about one or more of the symptoms or signs on this list, please talk with your doctor. Your doctor will ask how long and how often you?ve been experiencing the symptom(s), in addition to other questions. This is to help find out the cause of the problem,

called a diagnosis [4].

If an endocrine tumor is diagnosed, relieving symptoms remains an important part of your medical care and treatment. This may also be called symptom management, palliative care, or supportive care. Be sure to talk with your health care team about symptoms you experience, including any new symptoms or a change in symptoms.

The next section helps explain what tests and scans may be needed to learn more about the cause of the symptoms. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Diagnosis, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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