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Sarcoma - Kaposi - Symptoms and Signs [1]

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

- Lesions in the mouth and/or throat
- Slightly elevated purple, pink, brown, or red blotches or bumps anywhere on the skin
- Lymphedema [3], which is swelling caused by a blockage of the lymphatic system
- Unexplained cough or chest pain
- Unexplained stomach or intestinal pain
- Diarrhea [4] and/or blockage of the digestive tract, which can be caused by Kaposi sarcoma lesions that have developed in the gastrointestinal system

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 [5].

If cancer is diagnosed, relieving symptoms remains an important part of cancer 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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