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## [Leukemia - Acute Myeloid - AML - Childhood - Symptoms and Signs \[1\]](#)

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will find out more about body changes and other things that can signal a problem that may need medical care. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Children with AML may experience the following symptoms or signs. Sometimes, children with AML do not show any of these symptoms. Or, these symptoms may be caused by a medical condition that is not cancer. The early signs and symptoms of AML can look very much like the flu or other common childhood illnesses. Most of the signs and symptoms of AML are caused by the bone marrow making fewer healthy blood cells and the buildup of cancerous AML cells.

- Fever
- Chills
- Aching bones and joints
- Swollen lymph nodes

- Bleeding and bruising easily
- Paleness
- Unhealthy, pale appearance or complexion

If you are concerned about one or more of the symptoms or signs on this list, please talk with your child's doctor. Your doctor will ask how long and how often your child has been experiencing the symptom(s), in addition to other questions. This is to help find out the cause of the problem, called a [diagnosis](#) [3].

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 child's health care team about symptoms your child experiences, including any new symptoms or a change in symptoms.

*The [next section in this guide is Diagnosis](#) [3] and it explains what tests may be needed to learn more about the cause of the symptoms. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.*

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