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## Leukemia - Acute Myeloid - AML - Symptoms and Signs

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Symptoms and Signs

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 in this guide, use the colored boxes on the right side of your screen, or click ?Next? at the bottom.

People with AML may experience the following symptoms or signs. Sometimes, people with AML do not show any of these symptoms. Or, these symptoms may be caused by a medical condition that is not cancer. If you are concerned about a symptom or sign on this list, please talk with your doctor.

- Fatigue
- Weakness
- · Easy bruising or bleeding
- Weight loss
- Fever
- Bone or abdominal pain
- · Difficulty breathing; dyspnea (shortness of breath)
- · Frequent infections
- Swollen lymph nodes (glands)
- Swollen or bleeding gums
- · Chest pain
- Dizziness
- Unusually long menstrual cycle for women
- Skin nodules

Your doctor will ask you questions about the symptoms you are experiencing to help find out the cause of the problem, called a diagnosis [2]. This may include how long you?ve been experiencing the symptom(s) and how often.

If cancer is diagnosed, relieving symptoms and side effects remains an important part of 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.

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[1] http://www.cancer.net/about-us

[2] http://www.cancer.net/node/19070