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ON THIS PAGE: You will learn about how doctors describe the growth or spread of most types of cancer, called stage, and how this differs for HCL and PLL. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Generally, staging is a way of describing where the cancer is located, if or where it has spread, and whether it is affecting other parts of the body. Unlike most solid tumors, HCL and PLL do not have a formal staging system. However, doctors still use diagnostic tests, such as those discussed in the [Diagnosis](#) [3] section to evaluate HCL and PLL to help decide what kind of treatment is best and predict your prognosis, which is the chance of recovery. Talk with your doctor for details on how your specific type of leukemia will be evaluated.

The next section helps explain the treatment options for these types of leukemia. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Treatment Options, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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