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## Leukemia - Chronic T-Cell Lymphocytic - Stages

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Stages

**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 T-cell leukemia. To see other pages in this guide, use the colored boxes on the right side of your screen, or click ?Next? at the bottom.

Generally, staging is a way of describing where a cancer is located, if or where it has spread, and whether it is affecting other parts of the body. Unlike most solid tumors, there is no standard staging system for LGLL, T-PLL, ATLL, or Sezary syndrome. However, doctors still use diagnostic

tests, such as those discussed in the <u>Diagnosis</u> [2] section to evaluate T-cell leukemia to help decide what kind of treatment is best and predict your prognosis. Talk with your doctor for details on how your specific type of leukemia will be evaluated.

Information about your specific disease will help the doctor recommend a treatment plan for you. Choose ?Next? (below, right) to continue reading about treatment options for T-cell leukemia. Or, use the colored boxes located on the right side of your screen to visit any section.

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