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## Myelodysplastic Syndromes - MDS - Symptoms and Signs

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Symptoms and Signs

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

- Fatigue
- Weakness
- · Easy bruising or bleeding
- Fever
- · Bone pain
- Shortness of breath
- · Frequent infections

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

Relieving the symptoms caused by MDS is an important part of your 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.

## Links:

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

[2] http://www.cancer.net/node/19385