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## **Nasopharyngeal Cancer - 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.

People with NPC may experience the following symptoms or signs. Sometimes, people with NPC do not show any of these symptoms. Or, these symptoms may be caused by a medical condition that is not cancer.

- A lump in the neck, which is the most common symptom
- Nasal obstruction or stuffiness
- Trouble hearing or hearing loss
- A sense of fullness or pain in the ear that is caused by a buildup of fluid in the middle ear, especially if it doesn't go away and occurs in just one ear
- Pain and ringing in the ear
- A sore throat that doesn't seem to go away

- Trouble breathing or speaking
- Frequent nose bleeds
- Pain, numbness, or paralysis in the face
- Frequent headaches
- Difficulty opening the mouth
- Blurred or double vision
- Fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss

If you are concerned about one or more of the symptoms or signs on this list, please talk with your doctor or dentist. Your doctor will ask how long and how often you've 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 health care team about symptoms you experience, 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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