

Cancer Community Connections

NATIONAL BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



What is Blood Cancer?

Blood sends important things like oxygen, nutrients, and protection to all our organs.

Blood cancer happens when abnormal cells mess up this system. These cancers can start in the bone marrow (where blood cells are made) or in the lymphatic system (which helps fight off germs and keeps fluids balanced).

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 3 main types of blood cancer

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Leukemia

Begins in the bone marrow and affects white blood cells production.

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Lymphoma

Begins in the lymphatic system - the most common form of blood cancer in adults

2 main forms:

Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma

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Myeloma

Forms in plasma cells, a type of white blood cell found in bone marrow

Symptoms and Diagnosis

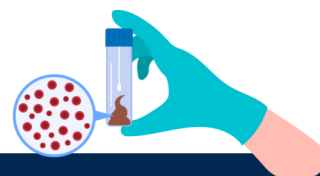
Common signs: fatigue, unexplained weight loss, bruising & bleeding easily, swollen lymph nodes. Have any persistent symptoms?

Talk to your doctor!

Treatment

Depends on patient factors such as type and stage. Treatments include chemotherapy, radiation, bone marrow transplants, immunotherapy, and CAR-T cell therapy.

Blood cancer can be highly treatable!



Cancer Center Update and Events

UCDCCC offers a comprehensive array of clinical trials for newly diagnosed and relapsed patients with blood cancer. Visit <https://cct.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cct/> for more.

September 6 | Leukemia and Lymphoma Support Group: For those affected by leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease, myeloma, and myelodysplastic syndrome.

September 19 | Young Adult Virtual Support Group: A virtual support group that focuses specifically on the variety of challenges and experiences that young adults face while also coping with cancer.

September 28 | Families Connecting Through a Parent's Illness: A support group for families impacted by a parent's illness with children between the ages of 5-17 years old.



Click [here](#) to take a 5 question quiz testing your knowledge on common blood cancers!

Resources to Learn More

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
US Department of Health & Human Services

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