

# Questions to ask about Hodgkin Lymphoma

## Questions to ask after diagnosis

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What type of lymphoma do I have? What does this mean exactly?

What stage is the lymphoma? Can you explain what this means?

Has my lymphoma spread? If so, how far?

Will I need surgery? Will that remove all the cancer?

Are there support services available?

Who will be leading my overall treatment?

## Questions to ask about treatments

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Will I require treatment other than surgery? What do you recommend?

What are the goals of these treatments?

What is the success rate of these treatments?

Are there any side effects of my treatments? How can I manage these?

How long will the treatments last for?

Are there any clinical trials available?

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## Questions to ask after treatment

Will I have a scar from surgery?

Will the cancer return? Can I do anything to prevent it coming back?

Will this make me a higher risk for other cancer types?

How often will I need to see you after treatment?

Does this make my family at higher risk for developing Hodgkin Lymphoma?

## Questions to ask your insurer

Does my policy cover me for unfunded cancer treatment?

Does my policy cover me for my entire course of treatment? If not, which aspects of my treatment am I covered for?

How does it work exactly?

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