

Lung cancer can be diagnosed and treated in several ways. Each person's experience will be different. Good information helps people ask the right questions and make the right choices.

Early lung cancer often goes unnoticed

Many people with lung cancer do not have symptoms until the cancer is large or has spread.

Symptoms can be different in each person, but may include:

- A cough that doesn't go away and gets worse over time
- A sore or a "rough feeling" throat
- Constant chest pain
- Shortness of breath or wheezing
- Lots of lung infections such as bronchitis or pneumonia
- Coughing up blood.

Symptoms of a cancer that has spread

Some symptoms do not appear until the cancer has spread to other parts of the body. These symptoms may include:

- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite (not being hungry)
- Headaches
- Bone pain or fractures
- Blood clots.

If you're still worried, keep asking doctors about your symptoms

See your doctor right away if you notice any of these symptoms.

Some people, unfortunately, go misdiagnosed for a long time because their symptoms are similar to other diagnoses such as pneumonia, allergies or a cold.

If you feel that something is wrong, keep asking doctors about it.

You know your body best and it could save your life.