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Common Signs & Symptoms

There are a variety of ways in which lung cancer may make itself known. Some people have no symptoms and only discover it during a routine medical check-up, whilst others may have had signs and symptoms for many months.

Many lung cancers spread quickly and can grow to quite a large size if they're not detected, so it's vital to recognise warning signs early and get medical attention promptly. It's important to remember that lung cancer can be cured, and this is more likely if it's caught early.

See your doctor straight away if you have any of the following symptoms:

- A cough that doesn't go away after two to three weeks
- Worsening or change of a long-standing cough
- Persistent chest infections
- Coughing blood
- Unexplained persistent breathlessness
- Unexplained persistent tiredness or lack of energy
- Unexplained persistent weight loss
- Persistent chest and / or shoulder pain

There are many other causes of these symptoms, so just because you have some of them it does not mean you have lung cancer. However, these symptoms might mean something is wrong with your body and you should seek medical advice if you are concerned.

There are many places you can get help:

- Check symptoms with a doctor, nurse, pharmacist or NHS Direct and mention your specific concerns.
- If you want further advice, then you can contact our Helpline on 0800 358 7200

For more information about the signs and symptoms for lung cancer, see our Resources section.

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