

What is Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma? (Interview Transcripts)

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“It is a blood cancer, but it affects the lymph nodes. And it is one of the cancers that can metastasize to a lot of body systems and could rapidly progress if it's not caught in time.” (:16)

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“There is a difference between having a common cold and having your lymph nodes inflamed. And there is a difference between swollen, and swollen yet not painful – but it's there.” (:10)

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“Because it effects the lymph nodes – and this is our immune system – we start to see fever, chills, unexplained rash, and weight loss for no reason. These are later signs that start from a lymph node that just grows and comes back, swelling and going down by itself. That is something to pay attention to earlier.” (:28)

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“The presenting symptoms will be much different than in a person who does not have autoimmune issues going on. If we have that kind of patient, the presenting signs and symptoms will be more aggressive. If we have a patient with no previous medical problems, but they have a hormonal imbalance or swelling of lymph nodes, we would take a different approach.” (:29)