What You Should Know About Lymphoma

Lymphoma is the most common blood cancer.

Lymphoma occurs when lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell found in lymph nodes, grow and multiply uncontrollably and cause swelling of the lymph nodes.

SYMPTOMS
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Intermittent fevers
- Drenching night sweats
- Feeling tired all the time
- Unexplained weight loss
- Decreased appetite
- Generalized itching
- Abdominal pain or swelling
- Coughing, shortness of breath, chest discomfort

RISK FACTORS
- Hodgkin Lymphoma (HL)
  - Uncommon, has characteristic "Reed-Sternberg" cells
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)
  - 6th most common cancer in US, many subtypes with different appearances under the microscope

TREATMENT OPTIONS
- Immunotherapy
- Targeted Therapy
- Radiation Therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Stem Cell Transplant

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