

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

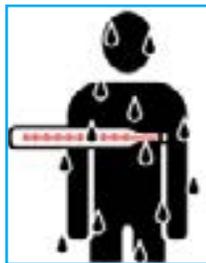
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is a cancer that originates in the lymph system, which is the body's immune system. In non-Hodgkin lymphoma, tumors develop from lymphocytes — a type of white blood cell — and spread in a non-orderly manner.

In the United States, non-Hodgkin lymphoma occurs in over 200,000 people each year and is more common than Hodgkin lymphoma.

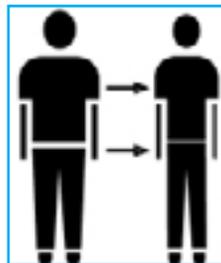
The best way to find lymphoma early is to be alert for signs and symptoms.

The most common early symptom is swelling of one or more lymph nodes, which can cause a painless lump under the skin (in places such as the neck, armpit or groin).

Other common symptoms include:



Fever and night sweats



Weight loss



Feeling tired

World Trade Center (WTC) Health Registry studies show that non-Hodgkin lymphoma is more frequent in survivors exposed to the 9/11 disaster as residents, passersby and area workers, when compared with the general population.* Non-Hodgkin lymphoma treatment may be covered by the WTC Health Program if a person is eligible and certified.

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is one of 52 health conditions covered by participating in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's WTC Health Program. The program provides medical monitoring and treatment for responders of the WTC disaster and related sites in New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, PA. It also serves survivors who were in the New York City disaster area. To find out if you are eligible for assistance, apply to the program online at [cdc.gov/wtc/apply.html](https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/apply.html).

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis at any time, call NYC Well at 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355) or visit [nyc.gov/nycwell](https://www.nyc.gov/nycwell). NYC Well is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and in multiple languages.

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If you have questions about the Registry, email wtdhr@health.nyc.gov.

*Li J, Brackbill, RM, Liao TS, et al. Ten-Year Cancer Incidence in Rescue/Recovery Workers and Civilians Exposed to the September 11, 2001, Terrorists Attacks on the World Trade Center. *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*. 2016;59(9):709-721. [nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMoa1903986](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1903986).