



# CANCER KEYS

## Pruritus as a symptom of lymphoma

### Pruritus as a symptom of lymphoma

Besides a lump, pruritus (or itching) can be another associated symptom of lymphoma.

### Potential pitfall:

It is easy to associate pruritus with a less serious condition because of how general this symptom is. Furthermore, usually the itching does not usually present with an obvious rash, but it is important to investigate the nature of this symptom in the context of the patient's wider condition.

### Helpful hint:

NICE NG12 guidelines advise the need to investigate other symptoms in conjunction with pruritus, particularly unexplained lymphadenopathy or splenomegaly, when making a suspected cancer referral. Additional symptoms to consider can include night sweats, fever, shortness of breath and weight loss.

Access the GatewayC **Lymphoma - Early Diagnosis** course by visiting: [www.gatewayc.org.uk](http://www.gatewayc.org.uk)