



Lumps or swelling - especially if painless and without fever or other signs of infection



Headaches, especially if unusually persistent or severe, vomiting (especially early morning or worsening over days)



Pallor, bruising or bleeding, general bone pain



Unexplained weight loss or fever, persistent cough or shortness of breath, sweating at night



Limb or bone pain, swelling without trauma or signs of infection



IF THESE SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT REFER FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION



Eye changes - white pupil, new-onset squint, visual loss, bruising or swelling around the eye(s)



Abdominal swelling



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CHILDHOOD CANCER WARNING SIGNS

PRESENTING SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS	COMMON DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS (NON MALIGNANT CONDITIONS)	SUSPECTED CANCER DISEASE
Low blood counts	Infection	! Leukaemia
Bleeding	Coagulation disorders, platelet disorders, bone marrow failure	! Leukaemia
Lymph node swelling	Infection	! Burkitt-Lymphoma (BL), Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL), Hodgkin Lymphoma
Abdominal swelling	Nutrition disorder, kidney cyst, constipation, ovarian cyst, hepatosplenomegaly, haemoglobinopathy, Kidney tuberculosis	! Wilms tumour, ovarian tumour, BL & other NHL, bladder rhabdomyosarcoma,neuroblastoma.
Mediastinal mass with shortness of breath	Infection	! Lymphoma Neuroblastoma
White pupil	Congenital cataract	! Retinoblastoma
Headache, morning vomiting, ataxia, impaired vision, paresis	Migraine, sinusits, meningitis if associated with fever (infection)	! Brain tumour
Hone pain, swelling of arm or leg without trauma or infection	Bone cyst, osteornyelitis	! Bone tumour