

# WHAT IS PRIMARY BONE CANCER?

Primary bone cancer is the name given to cancer that starts in a cell in a bone. It can affect any bone in the human body. It can occur at any age but most commonly affects children, teenagers, young adults and elderly people.

## SYMPTOMS OF PRIMARY BONE CANCER

Primary bone cancer symptoms can be similar to sports injuries, growing pains, or common conditions such as tendonitis or arthritis.

- Bone pain; it can be constant (there all the time) or intermittent (comes and goes). Painkillers might not help and it can often be worse at night
- A lump or swelling might be seen or felt if the tumour is near the surface of the body. In other places (e.g. the pelvis) a lump or swelling will not be visible
- Problems with mobility such as stiff joints or reduced movement
- Easy bruising
- Tiredness, sweats/fever, weight loss, or fractures. These symptoms are less common, but are still experienced by some patients

**If you are concerned about your symptoms, please seek professional medical advice.**

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CANCER EACH  
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