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# What Is a Hematologist?

A hematologist is a type of doctor who specializes in studying, diagnosing, treating and preventing blood disorders and disorders of the lymphatic system (e.g., lymph nodes and vessels), including several types of cancer.

## Why am I being referred to a hematologist?

If your primary care physician is referring you to a hematologist, it may be because you are at risk for a condition involving your red or white blood cells, platelets, blood vessels, bone marrow, lymph nodes, or spleen.

## What does a hematologist treat?

Hematologists treat a variety of blood disorders and diseases, including:

* **Anemia**A condition in which there aren’t enough red blood cells in the body
* **Sickle cell anemia**A disease that prevents red blood cells from easily flowing through the circulatory system
* **Hemophilia**A disease that prevents your blood from clotting
* **Leukemia**A cancer that affects the body’s white blood cells and blood-forming tissues, including the bone marrow and lymphatic system
* **Lymphoma**A cancer that affects the infection-fighting cells of the immune system (lymphocytes) located in the lymph nodes and vessels
* **Myeloma**A type of cancer that begins in plasma cells, a type of white blood cell located in bone marrow
* **Thalassemia**A condition in which the body doesn’t make enough hemoglobin, a protein molecule in red blood cells that carry oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body
* **ITP**

Short for idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, ITP is a rate autoimmune disorder in which the blood doesn’t clot normally

* **B12/folate deficiency**

A type of anemia that occurs when a lack of B12 or folate causes the body to produce abnormally large red blood cells that can't function properly

* **vWD**

Short for von Willebrand’s Disease, vWD is a genetic bleeding disorder

* **Thromboembolic disease**

Comprised of two main conditions: deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE)

* **Myelodyspastic syndroms**

A group of cancers in which immature blood cells in the bone marrow do not become healthy blood cells

Blood disorders can affect almost any area of the body, so hematologists work closely with other medical specialists (internists, pathologists, radiologists and oncologists) as well as your primary care physician to ensure you’re getting the absolute best treatment. At RCCA Central Jersey, we handle all of your hematologic needs with caring, dedication and expertise. To schedule a hematology appointment, call *732-724-1746*.

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