

Pembrolizumab for adjuvant treatment of resected non-small-cell lung cancer

Information for the public

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Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) is available on the NHS as a possible adjuvant treatment for non-small-cell lung cancer after the tumour has been completely surgically removed. It is for adults with a high risk of the cancer coming back after platinum-based chemotherapy. An adjuvant treatment is one that is offered after surgery to lower the risk that the cancer will come back.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. See [our webpage on making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

The [NHS webpage on lung cancer](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation](#) (0333 323 7200)
- [Lung Cancer Nursing UK](#) (01675 477607)
- [Cancer Research UK](#) (0808 800 4040)
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) (0808 808 0000)

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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