

## LEARN THE BASICS OF LIVER CANCER

The liver plays an important role in the human body. It filters harmful substances from your blood, helps you digest food, and it stores sugar to keep your body running. In the United States, liver cancer is becoming more and more common.

### Liver cancer is a **COMMON TYPE** of cancer

It's the 6th most common type of cancer in the world, and the 14th most common in the US.

### **MEN HAVE A HIGHER RISK**

Men are almost 3 times more likely to get liver cancer than women.

### **MOST LIVER CANCERS ARE HCC\***

90% of liver cancers in the world are HCC. 65% of cases in the US are HCC.

\*Hepatocellular carcinoma, or HCC, is a type of liver cancer.

### Symptoms of HCC may include:



### How is HCC treated?

Some cases of HCC can be removed with surgery. Some cases cannot, and they can only be treated with medicine. Most medicines for HCC are systemic therapies. This means the medicine goes in the blood and travels all over the body. This type of treatment can be a pill, an injection, or an intravenous, or "IV," infusion. An infusion is a type of injection that's given over a period of time in a doctor's office or an infusion center.

### Systemic therapies for HCC

There have been many medicines researched and approved to treat HCC in the last few years. Some treatments even combine medicines. Here is an overview of the types of medicine available:



#### Targeted drug therapy

- A commonly used type of advanced liver cancer treatment
- Some work to cut off blood and nutrients from reaching the tumor
- Some use other targets to help keep the cancer from growing and spreading



#### Immunotherapy

- Different from chemotherapy and targeted drug therapy
- Helps the immune system see cancer cells
- Designed to help find and fight the cancer

**Talk to a doctor to learn more about diagnosis and treatment**

Please see additional information on the following page.

## Should HCC be treated right away?

Once HCC is diagnosed, it's important to talk to a doctor right away about treatment options. If it isn't treated, the cancer can spread to other parts of the body.

### Some additional resources

**American Liver Foundation**

[www.LiverFoundation.org](http://www.LiverFoundation.org)

1-800-465-4837

**Blue Faery, The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association**

[www.BlueFaery.org](http://www.BlueFaery.org)

1-818-636-5624

**Global Liver Institute (GLI)**

[www.GlobalLiver.org](http://www.GlobalLiver.org)

**National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)**

[www.NCCN.org/patients](http://www.NCCN.org/patients)

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### What else can someone with liver cancer do?

**Changes to lifestyle, habits, diet, and activity level** may help make people feel better during their cancer treatment. People being treated for liver cancer should ask their healthcare team what changes are right for them.

This is not intended to replace the advice of a healthcare team.