Liver Cancer

The UCSF Patient and Family Cancer Support Center is the hub of support, information and resources for people with cancer at the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Learn more about UCSF’s supportive care programs at [https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-support-center](https://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-support-center).

The Cancer Support Center at Mission Bay is located at 1825 4th St., 1st Floor, Room M-1210. The Cancer Support Center at Mt. Zion is located at 1600 Divisadero St., 1st Floor, Room B-101.

The complete list of Patient Education Resource Pages is available to view at [http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources](http://cancer.ucsf.edu/support/crc/patient-education-resources).

**Overview**

Cancer of the liver, which may be primary or secondary cancer, involves an uncontrolled growth of cells. Primary cancer arises within the liver and in its early stages exists only in the liver. Secondary liver cancer, also called metastatic cancer, originates in another organ, such as the colon, stomach, pancreas or breast and then spreads to the liver. Because secondary cancer is present in at least two organs, the treatment possibilities are more limited than for primary liver cancer. Website: [https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/liver-cancer](https://www.ucsfhealth.org/conditions/liver-cancer).

**UCSF Resources**

**UCSF Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology/Surgery Clinic**

The clinic offers the most advanced and effective treatments available for cancerous as well as benign gastrointestinal conditions. These include conditions involving the anus, bile duct, colon, esophagus, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, peritoneal cavity, rectum, small intestine, spleen and stomach. Website: [https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/gastrointestinal-medical-oncology-clinic](https://www.ucsfhealth.org/clinics/gastrointestinal-medical-oncology-clinic) | Phone Number: (415) 353-9888

**Publications**

Cancer.Net: “Liver Cancer” (also in Spanish)
Website: [http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/liver-cancer](http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/liver-cancer)

National Cancer Institute: “Liver and Bile Duct Cancer”
Website: [https://www.cancer.gov/types/liver](https://www.cancer.gov/types/liver)
Organizations

American Cancer Society (ACS) – Liver Cancer
At the American Cancer Society, we're on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better.
Website: https://www.cancer.org/cancer/liver-cancer.html | Phone Number: 800.227.2345

American Liver Foundation
ALF provides information about liver diseases, support and advocacy. Helpline is available to answer questions Website: http://www.liverfoundation.org/ | Phone Number: -800-465-4837

Cancer Support Community – Liver Cancer
As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.
Website: https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/liver-cancer | Phone Number: 888-793-9355

CDC: Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention
Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the liver, it is called liver cancer. Website: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/liver/index.htm | Phone Number: 800-232-4636

Medline Plus: Trusted Health Information for You
MedlinePlus is a service of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the world's largest medical library, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Website: https://medlineplus.gov/livercancer.html

National Cancer Institute- Liver Cancer
The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the federal government's principal agency for cancer research and training. NCI is deeply committed to the core values of equity, diversity, and inclusion that allow all staff to reach their potential and fully contribute to the Institute’s cancer mission. Website: https://www.cancer.gov/types/liver

National LGBT Cancer Network
The National LGBT Cancer Network works to improve the lives of LGBT cancer survivors and those at risk by: EDUCATING the LGBT community about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screening and early detection; TRAINING health care providers to offer more culturally-competent, safe and welcoming care; and ADVOCATING for LGBT survivors in mainstream cancer organizations, the media and research.
Website: https://cancer-network.org/about/ | Phone Number: 212-675-2633
Books

100 Questions & Answers about Liver Cancer.
By Ghassan K. Abou-Alfa, MD and Ronald P. DeMatteo, MD (2018)

This information is intended to offer credible and reliable education resources for patients who want to learn more about their diagnosis. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all resources available.