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It's more common to develop liver cancer that has spread from somewhere else in the body, which is called [liver metastases](#). However, each year as many as 16,000 to 20,000 Americans receive a diagnosis of primary liver cancer, which means the cancer begins in the liver itself.

The number of people with primary liver cancer is growing as more Americans have conditions that affect the liver and increase the risk for cancer in this organ, such as chronic hepatitis C. Primary liver cancer tends to occur in people in their 60s and 70s, and is more common in men.

Types of Liver Cancer

There are several types of liver cancer. Each type is different in the way it develops and changes over time, as well as in how it should be treated.

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

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Fibrolamellar-Hepatocellular Carcinoma (FLL-HCC)

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Angiosarcomas, Hemangiosarcomas, and Hemangioendotheliomas

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Hepatoblastomas

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Benign Liver Tumors

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How We Care for You

Many people with primary liver cancer survive the disease. At Memorial Sloan Kettering, our goal is to cure your cancer and help you have best possible quality of life. At every step, we'll work with you to determine the best [treatment approach](#). We'll consider everything from the type and [stage of the liver cancer](#) to your overall health and personal needs.

Our doctors have treated more than 5,000 people with liver cancer over the past decade. [Experts from different areas](#) care for every patient. This team includes specialists in surgery, medical oncology, and interventional radiology.

Each year, our [surgeons](#) perform hundreds of procedures to remove primary liver tumors. Because we're so experienced, we're often able to offer treatment to people whose tumors aren't considered operable at other hospitals.

If surgery isn't an option for the type or stage of cancer that you have, MSK interventional radiologists may be able to use imaging tests — such as CT, ultrasound, or MRI — to guide treatments directly to where your tumor is located and destroy it with [minimally invasive techniques](#), such as ablation, NanoKnife, and embolization.

We work to ensure that you have access to innovative techniques, new drugs, and [clinical trials](#) if appropriate. We also offer comprehensive [follow-up care](#) and [survivorship](#) programs for each of our patients with primary liver cancer.

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