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Accurate diagnosis and staging of liver cancer is critical for the best outcome. Ronald DeMatteo, Head of the Division of General Surgical Oncology, is part of our experienced, expert team.

It's very important to get an accurate diagnosis of primary liver cancer so that your condition can be treated the right way from the beginning.

Your Memorial Sloan Kettering team uses diagnosis information to create a treatment plan that's just right for you. Along with a diagnosis, we'll determine the extent (stage) of your cancer through blood tests, diagnostic imaging, biopsy, and genetic testing

of your tumor.

A test that measures the level of a protein produced by the liver called alpha fetoprotein (AFP) can indicate that you have fibrolamellar-hepatocellular carcinoma.

Blood Tests

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Diagnostic Imaging

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Biopsy

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Testing for Fibrolamellar-Hepatocellular Carcinoma (FLL-HCC)

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Genetic Testing of Tumors

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Liver Cancer Stages

The stage of liver cancer you have refers to how far the disease has spread through your body. It's possible that you'll need additional tests to understand the stage of the tumor.

Information from staging tests can help us figure out whether:

the tumor is in one area of the liver and can be removed

the tumor is in one area but cannot be completely removed safely

cancer has spread throughout the liver or to other parts of the body

cancer has reoccurred in the liver or in another part of the body after it was eliminated with a first round of treatment.

We'll determine the best treatment approach for you based on the stage of your disease. We also factor in whether you have other conditions that can affect the health of the liver, such as hepatitis, cirrhosis (scarring), or diabetes. If we find extensive cirrhosis or liver failure, for example, we may look to options other than surgery to treat your cancer.

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