Cholangiocarcinoma (BILE DUCT CANCER)

DISTAL
Distal CCA occurs outside the liver after the right and left hepatic bile ducts have joined to form the common bile duct. This type of cancer is found where the common bile duct passes through the pancreas and into the small intestine.

INTRAHEPATIC
Intrahepatic CCA occurs inside the liver where cancer develops in the hepatic bile ducts or the smaller intrahepatic biliary ducts. In some cases, patients express a combined diagnosis.

PERIHILAR (HILAR OR KLATSKIN TUMOR)
These cancers develop where the right and left hepatic ducts have joined and are leaving the liver.
BIOMARKERS MATTER
Biomarker testing could open the door to other treatments, including targeted therapies, immunotherapies, and access to clinical trials.
Learn more at biomarkersmatter.org

CLINICAL TRIALS
We strongly recommend that all patients consider clinical trials each time a treatment decision is made, including at diagnosis.
Learn more at cholangiocarcinoma.org/clinicaltrials

CIITIZEN
Citizen is and always will be 100% free to patients. Citizen offers free clinical trial matching service for cholangiocarcinoma patients.
Learn more at citizen.com/ccf

CHOLANGIOCONNECT
A peer-to-peer connection platform that offers emotional support to anyone touched by this disease, at any stage in their journey.
Learn more at cholangiocconnect.org

CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA TERMINOLOGY CHART

CANCERS THAT AFFECT THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM
GI (Gastrointestinal) Cancers

TYPES OF GI CANCERS
Esophageal
Gastric (Stomach)
Small Intestine
Pancreas
Biliary Tract
Primary Liver Cancer or Hepatocellular (HCC)
Colorectal
Anal

TYPES OF HEPATOBIILIARY CANCERS
Primary Liver Cancer or Hepatocellular (HCC)
Combined Hepatocellular (HCC) and Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)
Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)
Gall Bladder

THREE SUBTYPES OF CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA BASED ON TUMOR LOCATION
Intrahepatic
Perihilar (Hilar or Klatskin Tumor)
Distal

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Extrahepatic or Bile Duct Cancer
Develops inside the bile ducts but outside the liver

Some intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma tumors
New microscopic features of both hepatocellular and biliary tract cancers, some intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma tumors and are considered “combined” or “mixed” tumors.

The biliary tract includes the gallbladder and bile ducts inside and outside the liver.

Biliary Tract Cancers

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