

# Questions to Ask About Secondary Liver Cancer

This factsheet has been written to help you get the most benefit from consultations with your oncologist (a cancer specialist) about secondary liver cancer. The following questions can help you understand how your cancer has developed and what treatment options are available to you. If you would like more information, please call our **Bowel Cancer Advisory Service on freephone 0800 8 40 35 40**.

- **What are the results of the tests I have had?**  
For example: blood tests, ultrasounds, computerised tomography (CT or CAT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans, liver biopsies or a laparoscopy
- **What do the results show about the metastases (secondary tumours) in my liver?**  
For example: the number of metastases, their size and distribution
- **What are the treatments available to me?**  
For example: surgery, chemotherapy, monoclonal antibodies, radiotherapy, cryotherapy, laser therapy, chemoembolisation, sterile alcohol therapy and Selective Internal Radiation therapy (SIRT or SIR-Spheres)
- **Why is this particular treatment recommended for me?**
- **What will it involve?**
- **How many days will I have to spend in hospital?**
- **How often will I receive treatment?**
- **What are the risks?**



- **What are the potential side effects?**
- **How will I be monitored during my treatment?**
- **How will I be monitored after my treatment?**
- **What are the chances of the cancer growing, returning or spreading?**
- **Are there any clinical trials of new treatments I could participate in?**
- **What are the pros and cons of taking part in any such trial?**
- **What will happen if I don't have treatment?**
- **Where can I, my family or carers find out further information about my cancer?**
- **Is there anyone I can talk to who has had this treatment or is able to help?**  
For example: colorectal nurse specialists, support groups or counsellors

You may find the following additional factsheets helpful:

- **A – Z of Terminology**

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