

Liver, Pancreas and Bile Duct Cancer Program

Overview

An interdisciplinary team performs state-of-the-art diagnostic procedures and treatments to combat cancer of the liver, pancreas, gallbladder and bile ducts. Faculty are specialty trained and renowned for their expertise in treating these complex diseases. They include gastroenterologists, hepatologists, vascular and interventional radiologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, radiation oncologists and surgeons. State-of-the-art imaging technology improves tumor detection and staging, leading to treatments that are patient-specific and offer the best possible hope for a cure.

Highlights

- Surgery:
 - Open and laparoscopic resections for tumors of the liver, gallbladder, pancreas and bile ducts
 - Ablative procedures, such as radiofrequency ablation, microwave ablation and cryoablation for some tumors of the liver
 - Hepatic artery infusion and isolated liver perfusion
 - Liver transplantation for appropriate candidates
- Interventional Radiology
 - Percutaneous tumor ablation with microwave ablation, radiofrequency ablation or cryotherapy
 - Regional therapy of unresectable liver tumors with chemo-embolization and intra-arterial brachytherapy (Therasphere®, SIR-sphere®)
 - Percutaneous management of benign and malignant biliary disease
- Radiation Oncology: external beam radiation, brachytherapy and TomoTherapy®
- Medical Oncology: systemic chemotherapy and molecular-based therapies
- Collaborative treatment with referring physicians
- Second opinion consultations
- All diagnostics and treatments available in one facility, with support from the physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dietitians and patient support groups
- Team members discuss treatment options at weekly multidisciplinary pancreatobiliary, hepatic tumor and colorectal disposition conferences
- Innovative clinical trials examining new and exciting emerging therapies are available for eligible patients

Current examples are below:

 - Liver cancer: Researchers are testing the effectiveness of Therasphere®, an interventional radiology treatment for inoperable tumors of the liver
 - Pancreatic cancer: Researchers are studying a potential vaccine, gene therapy and neoadjuvant treatment (ACOSOG trial)
 - Liver, pancreas and bile duct tumors: Researchers are investigating the efficacy of new drugs for these cancers

Visit froedtert.com/clinicaltrials to view other available studies.

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we work with you

Our physicians and staff are available for consultation and work closely with referring physicians to coordinate treatment and follow-up care.

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To refer a patient to the Liver, Pancreas and Bile Duct Cancer Program at Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin, receive more information, or speak to one of our physicians, please call one of the numbers below. You can also learn more about our programs and physicians at froedtert.com/liverpancbile. Thank you for choosing Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin.

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