

Cholangiocarcinoma

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Cholangiocarcinoma, or bile duct cancer, is a primary liver cancer that can occur in the small bile ducts within the liver, the big branches in the centre of the liver or in the main or common bile duct draining out of the liver.

FACTS

- It's the second most common primary liver cancer in the world
- It caused 2,161 deaths in 2013 in England alone
- Fewer than 5% will survive one year from diagnosis
- It's difficult to diagnose
- Most are diagnosed too late for potentially curative surgery
- In the western world the cause is generally unknown
- Lack of awareness is a major problem

SYMPTOMS

- Discomfort in the abdomen
 - Loss of appetite
 - Tiredness
 - Feeling generally unwell
 - High temperatures and shivering
 - Weight loss
- And, at a more advanced stage:
- Jaundice

These symptoms can be caused by many things other than cancer, but any of these should always be checked by a doctor, and liver function tests should be carried out.



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