



# Newsletter

CANCER CONSULTANTS OF AMERICA

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CANCER AND UNDERSTANDING®

## Cancer Answers

### Gallbladder Cancer

The gallbladder is a small sac-like organ situated behind the liver in the abdominal cavity. The function of the gallbladder is to store and concentrate a fluid called bile that is produced by the liver and aids in the digestion of fats in the food that is consumed.

Gallbladder cancer is a rare disease with origins stemming from the inner lining tissue of the organ. This disease is often detected late in its development and is prompted by signs and symptoms that include jaundice (yellowing of the eyes and skin), abdominal pain, vomiting, and fever. Detection of gallbladder cancer can be achieved through a series of examinations that include blood tests, ultrasound, and PTC (percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography) to identify any blockages in the duct system involving the liver and the gallbladder. If diagnosed early enough and without spreading to other tissues, the gallbladder can be removed through a minimally invasive surgical procedure. If the cancer has spread and the removal of the gallbladder is not an option, a bypass might be needed to ensure proper drainage of the bile to the digestive system. In addition, chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy may also be used to treat the cancer. More recently, novel therapies have been developed to use the patient's immune system to target and eliminate the cancer cells while selectively avoiding the healthy tissue. This type of immunotherapy and other therapies  
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have been developed through many clinical trials that have been shown to be effective for the treatment of gallbladder cancer. More information about selected gallbladder clinical trials is listed below and can be accessed through the website [ClinicalTrials.gov](http://ClinicalTrials.gov).

#### Gallbladder Clinical Trials – Recruiting

Phase 1: NCT05194072

- New drug investigation for metastatic cancer

Phase 2: NCT05712356

- New drug investigation + standard treatment for gallbladder cancer

Phase 2/3: NCT05506943

- New antibody treatment (CTX-009) + paclitaxel vs. paclitaxel for previously treated patients

#### **We Are Available to You**

Please contact us today if you would like more information about how our services can benefit you and your family.

Services:

- Individual and Family Cancer Education
- Medical Appointment Liaison Services
- Information Seminars and Public Speaking Events

#### **Fun Facts – February**

Cancer Awareness Month: Gallbladder Cancer

Ribbon Colors: Kelly Green

February is the only month with fewer than 30 days

February 2 – Groundhog Day 🐿

February 13 – Mardi Gras 🌸

February 14 – St. Valentine's Day ❤️

February 29 – Ladies Privilege Day 💍





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