

**HEPATOBILIARY CANCER**

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**Hepatobiliary Carcinomas:  
ACS 2021 Incidence and Mortality**

	Incidence	Mortality
Liver/ Intrahepatic bile duct (~75% HCC)	42,230	30,230
GB/ extrahepatic bile duct	11,980	4,310

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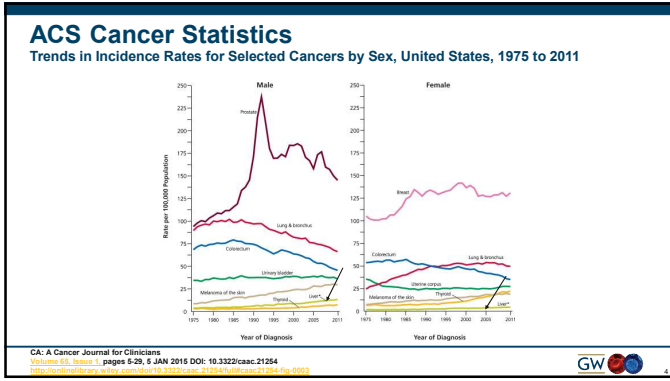
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**ACS Cancer Statistics, 2021**

- New cases:** An estimated 42,230 new cases of liver cancer (including intrahepatic bile duct cancers) will be diagnosed in the US during 2021, approximately three-fourths of which will be hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Liver cancer is about 3 times more common in men than in women.
- Incidence trends:** Liver cancer incidence has more than tripled since 1980; the rate continued to increase by more than 2% per year in women from 2013 to 2017 but has stabilized in men. ~70% of HCCs could be prevented (excess body weight, type 2 diabetes, chronic infection with hepatitis B virus (HBV) and/or hepatitis C virus (HCV), heavy alcohol consumption (3 or more drinks per day), and tobacco smoking).
- Deaths:** An estimated 30,230 liver cancer deaths will occur in 2021.
- Mortality trends:** Liver cancer mortality rates have doubled since 1980 and continued to increase by 1% per year in women from 2014 to 2018, but have stabilized in men.

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**Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

- Incidence**
  - among the most common tumors in the world:
    - Liver cancer in adult men is the fifth most frequently diagnosed cancer worldwide, and is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the world
  - >800,000 deaths annually
  - wide regional variation
    - highest in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa
    - epidemiological links to environmental, occupational exposure, life style (NASH)
    - implications for reduction of risk and prevention

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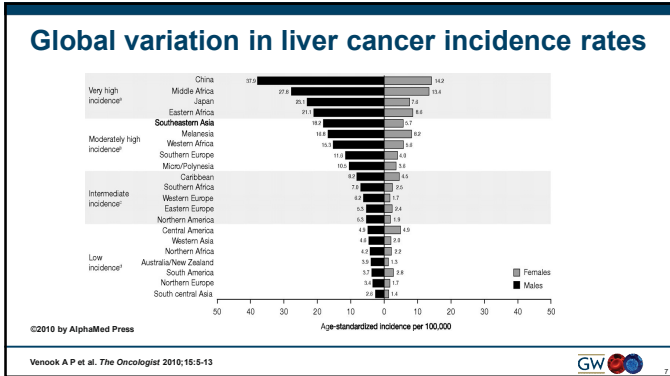
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### Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- Etiology
  - Cirrhosis
    - HBV
    - HCV
    - Alcoholic
    - NASH (Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis)
  - Metabolic diseases
    - hemochromatosis
    - hereditary tyrosinemia
    - alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency

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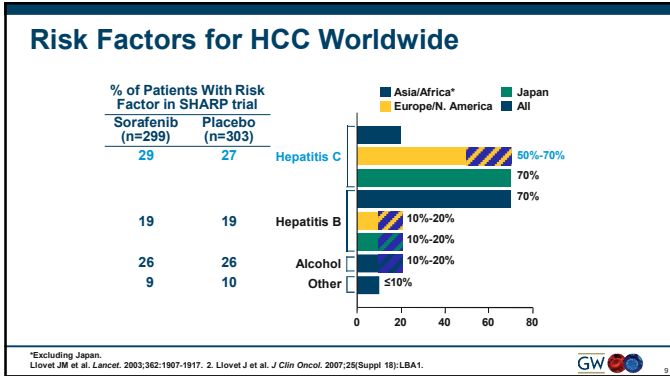
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**Obesity and NASH in HCC**

- Obesity is a risk factor for worse outcomes in HCC
- **Metabolic syndrome and HCC: Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)-increasing in West**
  - Abdominal obesity
  - Atherogenic dyslipidemia
  - Elevated blood pressure
  - Insulin resistance or glucose intolerance
  - Prothrombotic state (e.g., high fibrinogen or plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 in the blood)
  - Proinflammatory state (e.g., elevated C-reactive protein in the blood)

A Siegel, S Wang, J Yu, E Lim, J Jacobson, R Brown, A Neugut. College of Physicians and Surgeons




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**Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

- Hepatitis and HCC: mechanisms
  - Tumors arise in the context of chronic liver-cell injury, inflammation and increased turnover of hepatocytes
  - Viral genome may be integrated in hepatocyte DNA, leading to mutations, deletions, etc.
  - Viral gene products may increase the expression of growth-factor regulating genes involved in malignant transformation




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**Statins and HCC**

- Population-based cohort study of 260,864 HCV-infected patients enrolled in the Taiwan National Health Insurance Research Database
- Among the 35,023 patients using statins, 1,378 had HCC. Among the 225,841 patients not using statins 26,505 were diagnosed with HCC. A dose-response relationship between statin use and HCC risk was observed.
- Possible mechanisms:
  - statins may exert anti-HCV activity via the inhibition of cholesterol synthesis and HCV replication.
  - statins may limit the development of HCC through the inhibition of products downstream of the mevalonate pathway and disrupt the growth of malignant cells, eventually leading to apoptosis.

Tsai et al. JCO 2013; Shao et al. Medicine 2015 Oct;94(42):e1901  
Simon TG, Duberg AS, Akerman S, et al. Lipophilic statins and risk for hepatocellular carcinoma and death in patients with chronic viral hepatitis: results from a nationwide Swedish population. Ann Intern Med. doi: 10.7326/M18-2753.




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**Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

- Pathology
  - Gross
    - nodular
      - most common pattern
    - massive
      - solitary component, occupying one lobe
    - diffusely infiltrating
      - usually associated with cirrhosis

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**Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

- Pathology:
  - Uncommon, favorable forms of hepatocellular carcinoma
    - fibrolamellar
      - younger females
    - pedunculated HCC (subcapsular)
    - "minute" HCC
      - found by accident or by screening
  - Differential diagnosis
    - focal nodular hyperplasia and adenomatous hyperplasia
    - cholangiocarcinoma
    - metastatic tumors

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**Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

- Diagnosis
  - Radiographic techniques
    - ultrasound
      - cheap, reliable, useful for screening
    - CT/MRI
      - useful to determine extent of disease for staging and resectability
  - Biopsy
    - FNA vs core biopsy
    - rare seeding of biopsy track (<1%)
      - May avoid if OLT is being considered

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### Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- AFP
  - Increased in 80-90% of patients from Far East with HCC
  - Increased in 50-70% of patients from North America and Europe
  - Elevations of greater than 400 are generally considered diagnostic for HCC
- AFP >400 have poorer prognosis
  - Usual level for stratification in RCTs



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### Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- General Principles of Screening
  - Identification of high-risk groups
  - Reliable diagnostic tools
    - Ultrasound
    - AFP
  - Cost
  - Compliance
  - Availability of treatment that alters natural history of the disease



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### Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- **Screening: generally recommended, but**
  - Few large-scale screening trials have been completed to demonstrate efficacy
  - Small studies show anecdotal cases of early HCC resected with curative intent
  - ? Whether all patients with HBV, HCV, hemochromatosis should undergo AFP and US screening, and at what intervals
  - ? Whether early detection prolongs survival in patients who have developed cirrhosis
- **Potential Harms**
  - Up to one-third of patients with cirrhosis may experience physical harms related to false-positive and indeterminate screening results
  - Most harms consist of additional diagnostic exams
  - Severe physical harm (e.g. invasive procedures or procedure-related complications) is rare



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### RCT in HCC Screening

- 18,816 people, aged 35-59 years with hepatitis B virus infection or a history of chronic hepatitis in urban Shanghai, China. Participants were randomly allocated to a screening (9,373) or control (9,443) group
- Screening group participants were invited to have an AFP test and ultrasonography examination every 6 months.
- HCC mortality rate was significantly lower in the screened group than in controls, being 83.2/100,000 and 131.5/100,000, respectively, with a mortality rate ratio of 0.63 (95%CI 0.41-0.98)

Zhang, et al. J Cancer Res Clin Oncol. 2004 Jul;130(7):417-22.




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### Screening for HCC

Guideline	AASLD	AASLD	JSH	APASL
Definition of high-risk population	-Pts with cirrhosis, Child-Pugh stage A and B -Pts with cirrhosis, Child-Pugh stage C awaiting liver transplantation -Pts without cirrhosis with HBV and an intermediate or high risk of HCC (PAGE-B score ≥ 18) -Pts without cirrhosis with chronic HCV and bridging fibrosis	-Pts with cirrhosis, Child-Pugh stage A and B -Pts with cirrhosis, Child-Pugh stage C awaiting liver transplantation -Pts without cirrhosis with HBV	-Extremely high-risk pts: o Pts with cirrhosis and HBV -or HCV High-risk pts: -Non-viral cirrhosis -Pts without cirrhosis with HBV or HCV	-Pts with cirrhosis -Pts without cirrhosis with HBV: o Asian males > 50 yrs o Asian males > 40 yrs o Africans > 20 yrs o Family history of HCC
Screening interval	Every 6 months	Every 4-6 months	-Every 3-4 months in extremely high-risk pts -Every 6 months in high-risk pts	Every 6 months
Imaging modality	US (performed by experienced personnel)	US	US CT/MRI optional every 6-12 months in extremely high-risk pts	US
Biomarkers	Not recommended	At discretion of provider	AFP AFP-L3 fractions DCP	AFP (+ US)




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### Hepatitis B Vaccine to Prevent Hepatocellular Cancer:

Based on solid evidence, immunizing individuals against hepatitis B would lead to a decrease in the incidence of HCC

- Study Design:** Evidence obtained from cohort or case-control studies.
- Internal Validity:** Fair (ecologic control; no direct comparison group).
- Consistency:** Limited number of studies.
- Magnitude of Effects on Health Outcomes:** A study in Taiwan shows that vaccination of newborns (the vaccination program includes administration of hepatitis B immunoglobulin at birth, followed by a course of hepatitis B vaccine) of mothers infected with hepatitis B virus was associated with a reduction in the average annual incidence of HCC from 0.70 per 100,000 children between 1981 and 1986 to 0.57 and 0.36 for the time periods of 1986 to 1990 and 1990 to 1994, respectively (P < .01). Although there was no direct control group, the decline in incidence of HCC over time would unlikely be explained by other causes.




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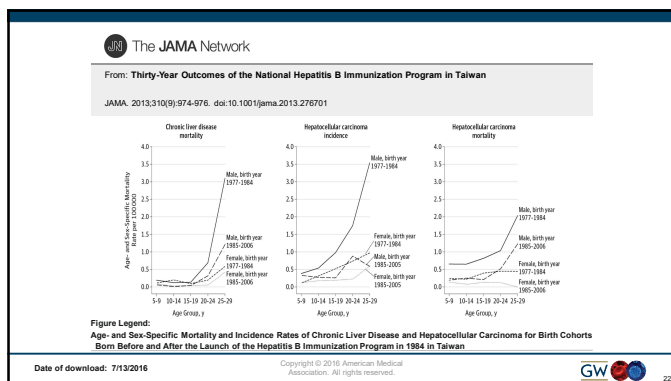
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## Hepatitis C

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends one-time HCV testing for everyone born from 1945 to 1965
- HCV testing is recommended for those who:
  - Currently injecting drugs
  - Ever injected drugs, including those who injected once or a few times many years ago
  - Have certain medical conditions, including persons:
    - who received clotting factor concentrates produced before 1987
    - who were ever on long-term hemodialysis
    - with persistently abnormal alanine aminotransferase levels (ALT)
    - who have HIV infection
  - Were prior recipients of transfusions or organ transplants, including persons who:
    - were notified that they received blood from a donor who later tested positive for HCV infection
    - received a transfusion of blood, blood components, or an organ transplant before July 1992

cdc.gov/hepatitis/

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## Evolving Treatment of Hepatitis C

- NO vaccine.
- Initially, before 2011: IFN+ribavirin
- On July 18, 2019, FDA approved a combination tablet (Vosevi) to treat adults with chronic hepatitis C virus genotypes 1-6 without cirrhosis or with mild cirrhosis. This fixed-dose, combination tablet contains two previously approved drugs—sofosbuvir and velpatasvir—and a new drug, voxilaprevir. Approved for patients who have been previously treated with the direct-acting antiviral drug sofosbuvir.
- Selection is in part based on genotype
- Goals:** SVR (sustained virologic response): 90% achieve SVR with 8-12 weeks of oral treatment
- Benefits with newer agents:** high SVR, shorter therapy, oral
- Downsides:** some treatments restricted to certain genotypes; increased side effects; \$\$\$\$...cheapest ~\$25,000 for 2 month Rx
- ~10% of HepC patients are under treatment in US
  - ? Impact on HCC in US and ROW (especially Asia)

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### Modified Stage System (pTNM)

T0	Tumor not found
T1	1 nodule ≤ 1.9 cm
T2	1 nodule 2.0-5.0 cm; 2 or 3 nodules, all ≤ 3.0 cm
T3	1 nodule > 5.0 cm; 2 or 3 nodules, at least one > 3.0 cm
T4a	4 or more nodules, any size
T4b	Gross intrahepatic portal or hepatic vein involvement

N0	No lymph node involvement
N1	Regional (porta hepatis) nodes involved
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Metastatic disease • Including extrahepatic portal or hepatic vein involvement

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### Child's Pugh Score: Liver Cirrhosis

Parameter	Points		
	1	2	3
Albumin (g/dL)	> 3.5	2.8-3.5	< 2.8
Bilirubin (mg/dL)	< 2	2 - 3	> 3
Ascites	Absent	Slight	Moderate
Encephalopathy	None	I - II	III - IV
PT (INR)	< 1.7	1.8 - 2.3	> 2.3

Score	A	B	C
Points	5 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 15

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### HCC Treatment

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      HCC[HCC] --> Early[Early Stage]
      HCC --> Intermediate[Intermediate Stage]
      HCC --> Advanced[Advanced Stage]
      HCC --> End[End Stage]
      Early --> EarlyTx[Resection/TXP  
Local Ablation]
      Intermediate --> IntermediateTx[TACE  
SBRT  
SIRT (Y90)  
RFA]
      Advanced --> AdvancedTx[Sorafenib  
Lenvatinib  
Regorafenib  
Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab  
Pembrolizumab  
Cabozantinib  
Ramucicromab  
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab]
      End --> EndTx[BSC]
      EarlyTx --- EarlySurv["(30%)  
Potentially curative treatments  
5-yr survival: 50-70%"]
      IntermediateTx --- IntermediateSurv["(50-60%)  
Randomized trials  
median survival if untreated: 6-16 mo"]
      AdvancedTx --- AdvancedSurv["(10%)  
BSC  
survival <3 mo"]
    
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Llovet JM, & Bruix J. BCLC. Lancet, 2003  
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## Treatment of HCC Role of Liver Transplantation

**PROS**

- “Cures” underlying disease as well as treating HCC
  - Avoids complications associated with resection in cirrhosis
- Excellent outcome in selected patients
  - Equivalent to benign disease; OLT currently has a 5-year survival of 70-80%
- “Optimal” candidate –Milan, UCSF Criteria
  - Single lesion < 5cm
  - Multiple lesions up to 3 nodules, adding to < 3 cm
- Treatments available for Hepatitis B and C to prevent reinfection




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## Treatment of HCC Role of Liver Transplantation

**CONS**

- Difficult to accurately stage preoperatively
  - Tumor burden frequently underestimated
- Lack of prospective, randomized studies to determine who is a good candidate
- Limited organ supply
  - Increasing waiting times is associated with tumor growth and patient drop out because of primary liver failure
  - Differential waiting times depending on region




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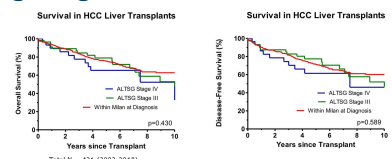
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## UpDated treatment of HCC and transplant including stage III and IV disease



**Survival in HCC Liver Transplants**

**Overall Survival (%)**

**Disease-Free Survival (%)**


Legend: ALTSO Stage IV (blue), ALTSO Stage III (green), Waitlist at Diagnosis (red)

p=0.433 (Overall Survival), p=0.009 (Disease-Free Survival)

Total N = 421 (2002-2018)  
 Study Group (ALTSO Stage IV) = 20  
 Stage IVa (1-3 nodules, but no tumor thrombus) = 20  
 Stage IVb (1 tumor thrombus) = 9  
 Complete Remission  
 Stage III (1 tumor < 5 cm or 2 to 3 tumors with largest tumor < 3 cm) = 56  
 Waitlist Milan Cases (1 tumor < 5 cm or 2 to 3 tumors with largest tumor < 3 cm) = 395

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### Liver Directed Therapies

- Ablation - Radiofrequency, MW ablation, cryotherapy, IRE, PEI
- TransArterial Chemoembolization TACE, cTACE,
- Bland Embolization - TAE
- Radioembolization Sir Spheres and Theraspheres
- Hepatic arterial pump therapy (HAP)
- External Beam (EBRT) and Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SBRT)



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### CHEMOEMBOLIZATION/TACE

- Developed c.1980 in Japan for treatment of hepatoma
- Procedure has disseminated world-wide for primary and secondary hepatic malignancies

**Advantages:**

- Tumor ischemia
- Increased drug concentration
- Increased dwell time
- Decreased systemic toxicity
- Wide availability



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### CHEMOEMBOLIZATION

**Disadvantages**

- Lack of standardization
- Operator dependent
- Difficult to access patients for trials through interventional radiology
- Highest rates of HCC in countries with least mature clinical trials mechanisms



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TACE+RFA vs RFA Alone

- A randomized controlled trial was conducted on 189 patients with HCC less than 7 cm at a single tertiary referral center between October 2006 and June 2009. Patients were randomly assigned to receive TACE combined with RFA (TACE-RFA; n = 94) or RFA alone (n = 95). The primary end point was overall survival. The secondary end point was recurrence-free survival, and the tertiary end point was adverse effects.
- Patients in the TACE-RFA group had better overall survival and recurrence-free survival than patients in the RFA group (hazard ratio, 0.525; 95% CI, 0.335 to 0.822; P = .002; hazard ratio, 0.575; 95% CI, 0.374 to 0.897; P = .009, respectively).

Peng et al. JCO February 1, 2013 vol. 31 no. 4 426-432 GW

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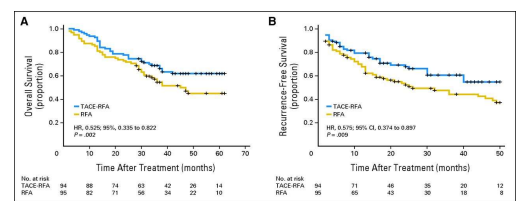
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TACE+RFA vs RFA Alone

Overall (A) and recurrence-free (B) survival curves for the transcatheter arterial chemoembolization (TACE) plus radiofrequency ablation (RFA) and RFA groups.



Peng Z et al. JCO 2013;31:426-432 GW

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TACE+RFA vs RFA Alone

- The sample size was small, with a mainly HBV population conducted in a single tertiary center in China, making it difficult to extrapolate these results.
- The selection of patients participating in this study was stringent, and the findings may only be applicable to a relatively small percentage of patients with HCC.
- The study only had two arms without the potential third arm of TACE alone, making it difficult to assess the relative added contribution of TACE or RFA in the TACE-RFA arm.
- Only approximately 50% of lesions were larger than 3 cm and there were no specification on the number of patients with lesion size from 3 to 7 cm; it remained unclear whether the benefits of TACE-RFA were only applicable to smaller lesions (i.e., less than 5 cm), as has been previously suggested

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**A multicenter randomized controlled trial to evaluate the efficacy of **SURgey vs. RadioFrequency ablation** for small hepatocellular carcinoma**

**SURF Trial Group**  
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**SURF**  
 Efficacy of Surgery vs. Radio-Frequency ablation (RFA) on primary hepatocellular carcinoma: a multicenter clinical trial

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**RCT Design (from April 2009)**

Initial HCC  
 ≤3 HCCs, ≤3cm  
 Child-Pugh ≤7  
 20-79 y.o.

Both Applicable

**R**

Surgery n=300

RFA n=300

Follow-Up

joint chart review by surgeons & hepatologists

Allocation adjustment factors:  
 ✓ Trial site                      ✓ Age  
 ✓ HCV infection                ✓ Number of tumors  
 ✓ Tumor diameter

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**Summary of Previous RCTs**

Author	Year	Site	Size	Tumor No.	Child-Pugh	n	Conclusion
Chen DS, Liang J-D	2005	Taiwan	≤3cm	≤2	A,B	76	NS
Chen M-S, Lau WY	2005	Hongkong, Guangzhou	≤5cm	1	A	180	NS
Huang J, Zeng Y	2010	Chengdu	≤3cm (Milan)	≤3	A,B	230	Favor (Surgery)
Feng K, Dong J	2012	Chongqing	≤4cm	≤2	A,B	168	NS

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### Perioperative Strategies in HCC

Strategy	Overview and Current status
Perioperative HAI with FOLFOX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Downstaging potential, ORR 63.6% (mRECIST)</li><li>Anticipated to reduce liver micrometastasis</li><li>OS benefit in the neoadjuvant setting and adjuvant setting (NCT03192618)</li></ul>
Neoadjuvant radioembolization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Downstaging potential (ORR 72.2% by mRECIST in LEGACY Study)</li><li>Not anticipated to reduce micrometastasis</li><li>No randomized data versus upfront surgery</li></ul>
Neoadjuvant immunotherapy-based regimens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some downstaging potential (ORR ~35% by mRECIST with modern systemic therapy)</li><li>Anticipated to reduce micrometastasis</li><li>Multiple exploratory phase 1 studies demonstrating feasibility but larger studies are needed</li></ul>
Adjuvant immunotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple P3 studies ongoing (all versus placebo):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EMERALD-2: durvalumab+bevacizumab</li><li>KN-937: pembrolizumab</li><li>CM-9DX: nivolumab</li><li>IMBrave050: atezolizumab/bevacizumab</li></ul></li></ul>

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### Problems in Assessing Effectiveness of Systemic Therapy for HCC

- Only patients with advanced HCC, and not amenable to surgery or local treatment, are entered onto systemic therapy
- Underlying liver disease(s)—cirrhosis— may be as, or more, important than HCC for pts. prognosis
- Liver function and drug: metabolism and effects
- Differences in etiology of HCC in different population and studies – inconsistency of study results
- HCC is a heterogeneous disease at the molecular level
- Traditional criteria (methods) for cancer response assessment may be not suitable for HCC: Tumor measurements (RECIST)
  - Especially for radiologic definition of RR, TTF, PFS

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### Background: Systemic Therapy for Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma

BCLC B (ineligible/refractory to catheter-based therapy)	FDA APPROVED AGENTS		
	1 <sup>st</sup> Line	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	3 <sup>rd</sup> Line
 BCLC C (Vascular Invasion/Metastatic Disease)	Sorafenib SHARP/ASIA PACIFIC Lenvatinib REFLECT TRIAL Also + bev NCCN "preferred"	Cabozantinib CELESTIAL TRIAL Regorafenib (sorafenib tolerant) RESOURCE Ramucicrumab (AFP>400) REACH-2 Nivolumab* CHECKMATE 040 Pembrolizumab* KEYNOTE 224 Nivo + ipi	Cabozantinib CELESTIAL TRIAL *Accelerated Approval based upon ORR and DOR Requires confirmation in Phase III trials

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### Sorafenib in HCC: Rationale

- Raf kinase is overexpressed and activated in HCC
- Sorafenib is the only approved inhibitor of Raf kinase
- Sorafenib is a multikinase inhibitor of RAF, VEGFR, and other kinases<sup>3</sup>
- Sorafenib induces apoptosis in HCC xenograft models
- Sorafenib was active in a Phase II trial of patients with advanced HCC and Child-Pugh class A and B liver function status




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### Phase III SHARP Trial Study Design

- Primary end-points: Overall survival  
Time to symptomatic progression (FHS18-TSP)
- Secondary end-points: Time to progression (independent review)


Stratification:

- Macroscopic vascular invasion and/or extrahepatic spread
- ECOG PS
- Geographical region

Randomization  
N=612

Sorafenib (n=299)  
400 mg po bid  
continuous dosing

Placebo (n=303)  
2 tablets po bid  
continuous dosing




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### Phase III SHARP Trial Study Design

**Design**

- International, multicenter Phase III study
- Inclusion criteria:
  - Histology-proven HCC
  - Advanced HCC
  - At least 1 measurable untreated lesion
  - ECOG 0-2
  - Child-Pugh A class
  - No prior systemic treatment
- Randomization
- Double-blind sorafenib 400 mg bid vs placebo; ratio 1:1
- Accrual: March 2005 to April 2006




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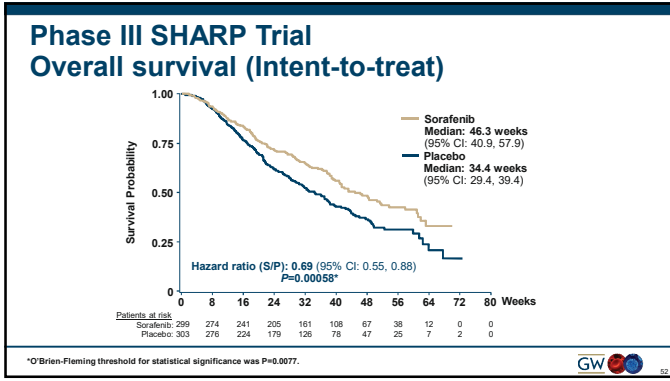
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### Phase III SHARP Trial Response assessment (RECIST; Independent review) Time to symptom progression (FSH18-TSP)

	Sorafenib (n=299)	Placebo (n=303)
Overall response		
Complete response (CR)	0	0
Partial response (PR)	7 (2.3%)	2 (0.7%)
Stable disease (SD)	211 (71%)	204 (67%)
<b>Progression-free rate at 4 mo</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>42%</b>
Duration of treatment (median, weeks)	23	19

FSH18-TSP: No significant differences between treatment groups (P=0.77).

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### Comparative trial of Sorafenib Toxicity: Childs A vs B (MSKCC)

	CPA (n=98) %	CPB (n=38) %
Adverse Events	97	97
Serious Adverse Events	52	68
Fatigue	41	37
Hand Foot Skin Reaction	30	13
Diarrhea	59	47
Bilirubin Increase	18	40
Ascites	11	18
Encephalopathy	2	11

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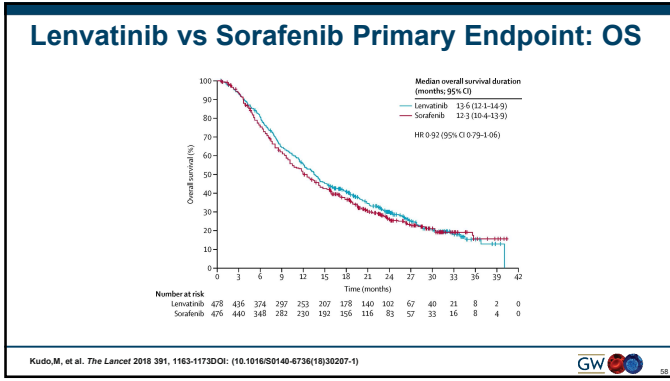
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### Lenvatinib mRECIST Response

	Lenvatinib (n=478)	Sorafenib (n=476)	Effect size (95% CI)	p value
Objective response (%; 95% CI)	194 (40.6%; 36.2-45.0)	59 (12.4%; 9.4-15.4)	OR 5.01 (3.59-7.01)	<0.0001
Complete response	10 (2%)	4 (1%)	..	..
Partial response	184 (38%)	55 (12%)	..	..
Stable disease	150 (33%)	219 (46%)	..	..
Durable stable disease lasting ≥23 weeks	84 (18%)	90 (19%)	..	..
Progressive disease	79 (17%)	152 (32%)	..	..
Unknown or not evaluable	46 (10%)	46 (10%)	..	..

Kudo, M, et al. Lancet Volume 391, Issue 10126, 24-30 March 2018, Pages 1163-1173

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### Landscape-Second line therapy for HCC

	Treatment	Total N	PFS benefit	OS benefit	RR
CHECKMATE040 (SINGLE ARM)	Nivolumab*	154	NA	NA median OS =15 mo*	14%
RESOURCE	Regorafenib* v placebo	573 (2:1)	+1.8 mo HR 0.48 (0.37-0.56); p<0.0001	+2.8 mo HR 0.63 (0.50-0.79); p<0.0001	11%
CELESTIAL**	Cabozantinib* v placebo	707 (2:1)	+3.3 mo HR=0.44 (0.36-0.52); p<0.0001	+2.2 mo HR=0.76 (0.63-0.92); p=0.0049	4%
REACH1	Ramucirumab* v placebo	565	+0.7mo HR 0.63 [0.52-0.75]; p<0.0001	NO	7%
REACH 2 (AFP≥400)	Ramucirumab* v placebo	292 (2:1)	+1.2 mo HR 0.452 (0.339, 0.603) p<0.0001	+1.2 mo HR 0.71 (0.531, 0.949); p=0.0199	4.6%
Pooled REACH 1 / 2 (AFP≥400 subgroup)	Ramucirumab* v placebo	542	NA	+3.1 mo HR 0.684 (0.571, 0.842) P=0.0002	NA

\*FDA approved  
 \*\* included 2nd and 3rd line; 2nd line update: Kelley, et al. Abstr #4088 ASCO 2018

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**Ramucirumab (VEGFR2) versus placebo as second-line treatment in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma following first-line therapy with sorafenib (REACH)**

- 565 patients were enrolled, of whom 283 were assigned to ramucirumab and 282 were assigned to placebo. Median overall survival for the ramucirumab group was 9.2 months (95% CI 8.0–10.6) versus 7.6 months (6.0–9.3) for the placebo group (HR 0.87 [95% CI 0.72–1.05]; p=0.14)
- Subsets benefiting: good CP score; elevated AFP ≥400 ng/ml

**REACH-2: Child-Pugh score <7 (Child-Pugh Class A), Baseline AFP ≥400 nanograms/milliliter. (NCT02435433)** ➔

Zhu, et al. Lancet Oncol. Volume 16, No. 7, p659-670, July 2015




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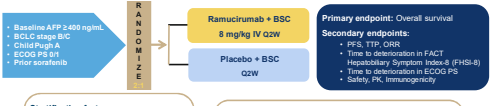
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**REACH-2 Study Design**



**Stratification factors**

- Microvascular invasion (yes vs. no)
- ECOG PS (0 vs. 1)
- Geographic region
  - Americas, Europe, Israel and Australia
  - Asia (except Japan)
  - Japan

**Statistical assumptions and analysis**


- 80% power, alpha 0.05
- HR 0.87
- mOS 6.7 months ramucirumab vs. 4.5 months placebo
- N=279 (2:1 randomization, ramucirumab vs placebo)
- 221 events

**Primary endpoint: Overall survival**

**Secondary endpoints:**

- PPS, TTP, ORR
- Time to deterioration in FACT Hepatobiliary Symptom Index-6 (FHSI-6)
- Time to deterioration in ECOG PS
- Safety, PK, Immunogenicity

Andrew Zhu, MD, PhD




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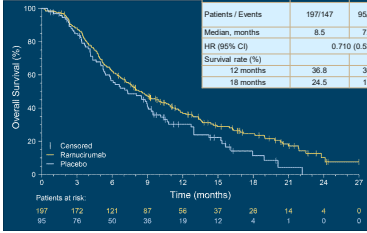
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**Overall Survival**



	Ramucirumab	Placebo	Difference	P-value
Patients / Events	197/147	95/74		
Median, months	8.5	7.3	1.2	
HR (95% CI)	0.710 (0.531, 0.949)			0.0199
Survival rate (%)				
12 months	36.8	30.3	6.5	0.2000
18 months	24.5	11.3	13.2	0.0187

Andrew Zhu, MD, PhD




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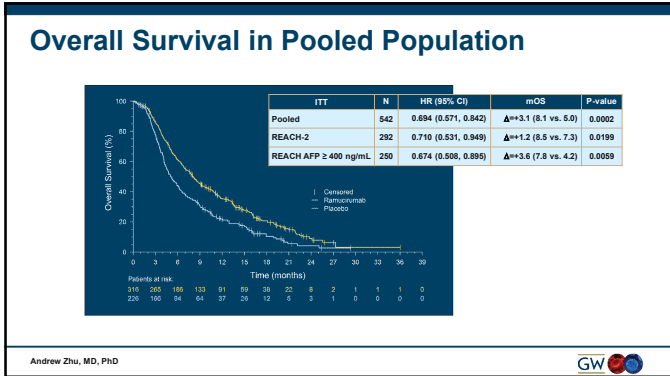
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### RESORCE [REgorafenib after SORafenib in patients with hepatoCELLular carcinoma]

- The Ang/TIE-2 pathway is considered a key angiogenic signaling pathway. Combined blockage of VEGFR2 and TIE2 signaling with regorafenib may exert more profound antiangiogenic effects than inhibition of VEGF signaling alone
- HCC is a FGFR-enriched tumor
- Additional activity against FGFR, c-kit, and Ret
- Antiangiogenesis beyond progression
- Other hidden pathways

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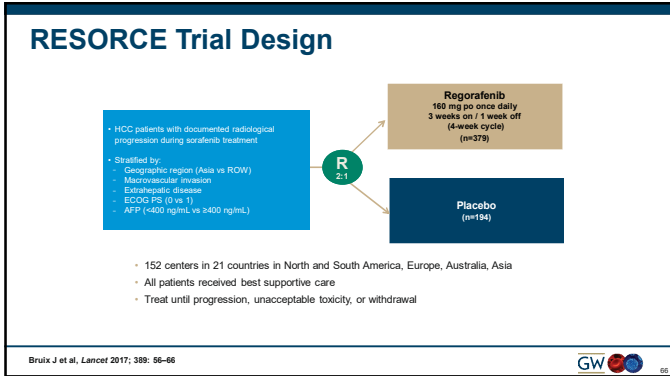
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### KEYNOTE 240: Study Design

**Key eligibility criteria**

- ≥18 y
- Pathologically confirmed HCC
- Progression on or intolerance to sorafenib treatment
- Child Pugh class A
- ECOG PS 0-1
- BCLC Stage C or B disease
- Predicted life expectancy >3 mo

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**Pembrolizumab**  
200 mg Q3W  
for 2y or until PD,  
intolerable toxicity,  
or withdrawal of consent  
or investigator decision

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**Survival follow-up**

- Response assessed Q9W
- Primary endpoint: ORR (RECIST v1.1, central review)
- Secondary endpoint: DOR, DCR, PFS, OS, and safety and tolerability

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### Response per RECIST version 1.1 by independent central review

	Total N=104
ORR, n (%; 95%CI)*	18 (17; 11-26)
BOR, n (%)†	
CR	1 (1)
PR	17 (16)
SD	46 (44)
PD	34 (33)
No assessment‡	6 (6)
DCR, n (%; 95%CI)§	64 (62; 52-71)
Median time to response, mo (IQR)¶	2.1 (2.1-4.1)
Median DOR, mo (range)¶¶	Not reached (3.1-14.6+)
Response duration ≥9 mo, n (%)¶¶	12 (77)

BOR=best overall response; CR=complete response; DCR=disease control rate; DOR=duration of response; ORR=objective response rate; PD=progressive disease; PR=partial response; SD=stable disease \*ORR includes complete and partial responses. †Confirmed best response by independent central review per RECIST version 1.1. ‡Patients without post-baseline assessment on the data cutoff date were considered not assessable for BOR. §Disease control rate includes CR, PR, and SD. ¶Assessed in patients who had a BOR as confirmed CR or PR. ¶¶From product-limit (Kaplan-Meier) method for censored data. + indicates no PD by the time of last disease assessment.

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### Results: KEYNOTE-240

#### Overall Survival

Did not meet pre-specified p value of .0174

#### Progression-free Survival

##### First interim analysis

Did not meet pre-specified p value of .002 at 1st interim analysis

Presented at 2019 ASCO Annual Meeting | Presented by William Harris, MD

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### CheckMate 459

- Phase III Study of Nivolumab Versus Sorafenib as First-Line Treatment
- 726 participants
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Failed to meet primary endpoint: HR, 0.85; 95% CI, 0.72-1.02; P= .0752




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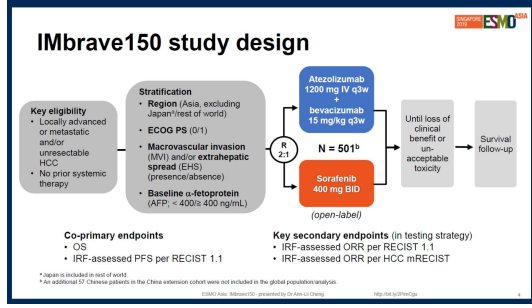
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### IMbrave150 study design



**Key eligibility:**

- Locally advanced and/or unresectable HCC
- No prior systemic therapy

**Stratification:**

- Region (Asia, excluding Japan†/rest of world)
- ECOG PS (0-1)
- Macrovascular invasion (MVI) and/or extrahepatic spread (EHS) (presence/absence)
- Baseline  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein (AFP) < 400/ $\leq$  400 ng/mL

**Treatment Arms:**

- Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w + bevacizumab 15 mg/kg q3w
- Sorafenib 400 mg BID (open-label)

**Co-primary endpoints:**


- OS
- IRF-assessed PFS per RECIST 1.1

**Key secondary endpoints (in testing strategy):**

- IRF-assessed ORR per RECIST 1.1
- IRF-assessed ORR per HCC mRECIST

† Japan is included in rest of world.  
\* An additional 27 Chinese patients in the China extension cohort were not included in the global population analysis.

Presented By Jennifer Knox at 2020 Gastrointestinal Cancer Symposium




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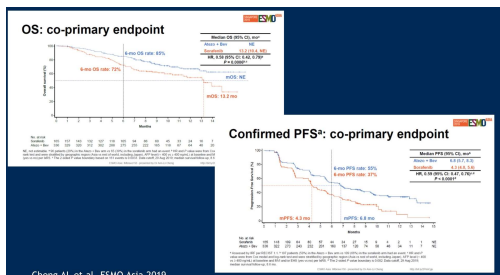
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### IMbrave50: Positive co-primary endpoints



**OS: co-primary endpoint**

Median OS (95% CI), mo†

Group	Median OS (95% CI), mo†
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (n=201)	13.2 (11.8, 14.6)
Sorafenib (n=200)	11.7 (10.4, 13.0)

HR: 0.85 (95% CI, 0.72-1.02) P=0.0752

**Confirmed PFS<sup>2</sup>: co-primary endpoint**


Median PFS (95% CI), mo†

Group	Median PFS (95% CI), mo†
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (n=201)	6.4 (5.8, 7.0)
Sorafenib (n=200)	5.4 (4.9, 5.9)

HR: 0.86 (95% CI, 0.74-1.00) P=0.0487

Cheng AL et al. ESMO Asia 2019

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**Sorafenib as Adjuvant Treatment in the Prevention Of Recurrence of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (STORM) phase 3, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial**

- 1,114 patients with HCC judged to have an intermediate (54%) or high (46%) risk of recurrence after surgical resection (81% of patients) or local ablation. The median age of patients was 59 years, 62% were Asian, and 97% had Child-Pugh class A disease
- 400 mg orally twice a day (n = 556) or placebo (n = 558) for a maximum of 4 years. The primary endpoint was RFS; Secondary endpoints included TTR and overall survival OS
- Median RFS in the sorafenib and placebo arms of 33.3 months (95% confidence interval [CI], 27.6-44.0 months) and 33.7 months (95% CI, 27.6-39.0 months), respectively (hazard ratio [HR] = 0.94; 95% CI, 0.78-1.134)
- Median TTR of 38.6 months (95% CI, 30.4 months to not applicable) in the sorafenib arm and 30.3 months (95% CI, 30.3-41.4 months) in the placebo arm (HR = 0.891; 95% CI, 0.735-1.081)
- OS (median OS not reached in either arm; HR = 0.995; 95% CI, 0.761-1.3)

Bruix, et al. Lancet Oncology. Volume 16, No. 13, p1344-1354, October 2015




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**Biliary Carcinomas**

- Gall Bladder
- Biliary duct
  - intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
  - proximal (Klatskin's tumor)
  - middle
  - distal (ampullary)




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**Background**

- Epidemiological data is poor
- Worldwide, there is wide geographic variation
- South America has highest incidence (up to 13/100,000): GB, Peru
- Some European countries, such as Hungary, Poland and Germany have higher incidences (9.2-6.8/100,000)
- Variation in the incidence in Asian countries
  - Japan 11.9/100,000
  - India has been as low as 1/100,000 but is on the rise
    - in Delhi, female incidence is 8.9/100,000
- Female:male ratio is 2.5-3.0:1




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### Reasons for Confusion

- Heterogeneous disease
  - Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
  - Extrahepatic biliary tract carcinoma
    - including Klatskin tumors
  - Gallbladder carcinoma
  - Periampullary carcinoma (?)
- Not all the above are included in each country's statistics
  - ACS puts intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma with HCC for unclear reasons




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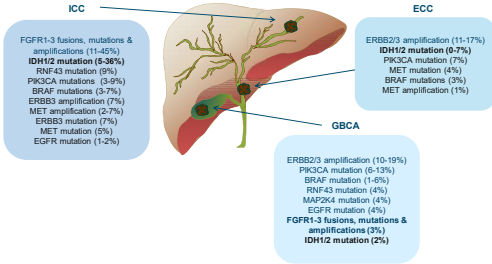
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### Genetic Landscape of Biliary Tract Cancers



Cancer Type	Genetic Alterations
ICC	FGFR1-3 fusions, mutations & amplifications (11-45%) IDH1/2 mutation (5-34%) RNF43 mutation (9%) PIK3CA mutations (3-9%) BRAF mutations (3-7%) ERBB3 amplification (7%) MET amplification (2-7%) ERBB3 mutation (7%) MET mutation (5%) EGFR mutation (1-2%)
ECC	ERBB2/3 amplification (11-17%) IDH1/2 mutation (8-7%) PIK3CA mutation (7%) MET mutation (4%) BRAF mutations (3%) MET amplification (1%)
GBCA	ERBB2/3 amplification (10-19%) PIK3CA mutation (6-13%) BRAF mutation (1-6%) RNF43 mutation (4%) MAP2K4 mutation (4%) EGFR mutation (4%) FGFR1-3 fusions, mutations & amplifications (3%) IDH1/2 mutation (2%)




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### Etiology: Biliary Carcinoma

- Cholangiocarcinoma
  - risks include stones, sclerosing cholangitis, UC, PCKD with liver cysts




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### Biliary Carcinoma

- Gall Bladder
  - most common biliary site
  - associated with gallstones
    - 1% of cholecystectomies have carcinoma
  - increased risks with choledochal cysts
  - polyps increase risk (Peutz-Jegher's)



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### GB Carcinoma

- Treatment
  - surgical cures most often in incidentalomas
  - simple cholecystectomy for stage I and II
  - ? Role of extended (reoperation) in patients with stage III (serosal or N+)
  - ? Role for combined chemoradiation/embolization in patients at high risk of recurrence



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### Primary Approaches to GC Ca:

**Gallbladder cancer: expert consensus statement**  
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- Adequate lymphadenectomy includes assessment of any suspicious regional nodes, evaluation of the aortocaval nodal basin, and a goal recovery of at least six nodes.
- Patients with confirmed metastases to N2 nodal stations do not benefit from radical resection and should receive systemic and/or palliative treatments.
- Primary resection of patients with early T-stage (T1b-2) disease should include en bloc resection of adjacent liver parenchyma.
- **Patients with T1b, T2 or T3 disease that is incidentally identified in a cholecystectomy specimen should undergo re-resection** unless this is contraindicated by advanced disease or poor performance status. Re-resection should include complete portal lymphadenectomy and bile duct resection only when needed to achieve a negative margin (R0) resection.
- **Patients with preoperatively staged T3 or T4 N1 disease should be considered for clinical trials of neoadjuvant chemotherapy.** Following R0 resection of T2-4 disease in N1 gallbladder cancer, patients should be considered for adjuvant systemic chemotherapy and/or chemoradiotherapy.



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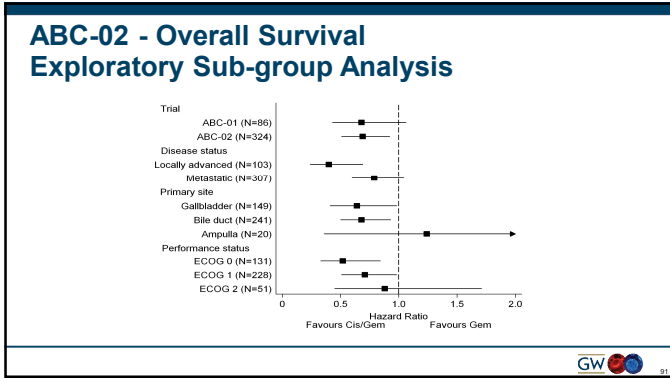
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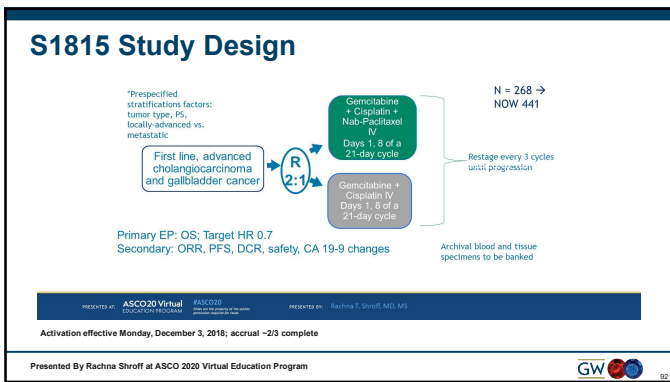
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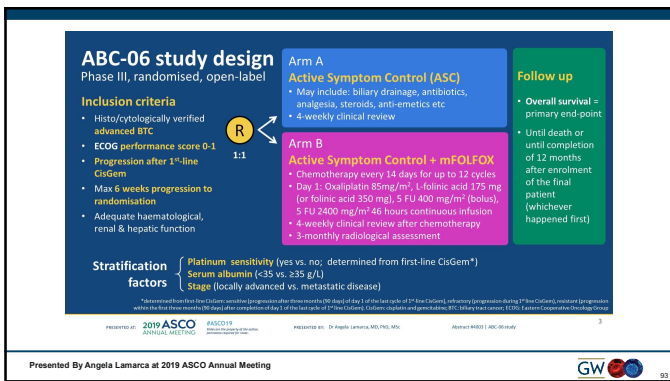
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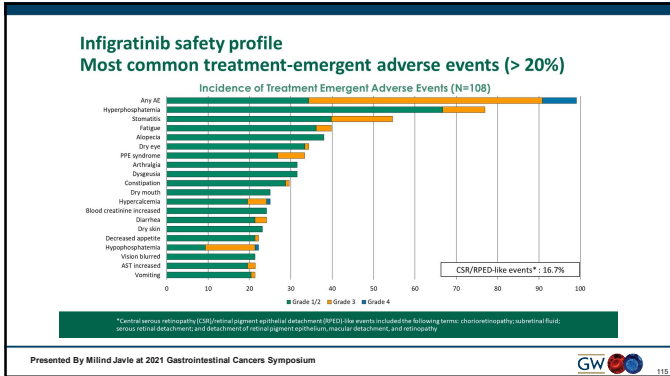












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### When to perform NGS in Cholangiocarcinoma

- Practical considerations in screening for genetic alterations in cholangiocarcinoma
- [T.S. Bekaii-Saab](#)
- Annals of Oncology open access 4/2021

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On April 17, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to pemigatinib (PEMAZYRE, Incyte Corporation) for the treatment of adults with previously treated, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma with a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) fusion or other rearrangement as detected by an FDA-approved test. The FDA also approved the FoundationOne® CDX (Foundation Medicine, Inc.) as a companion diagnostic for patient selection.

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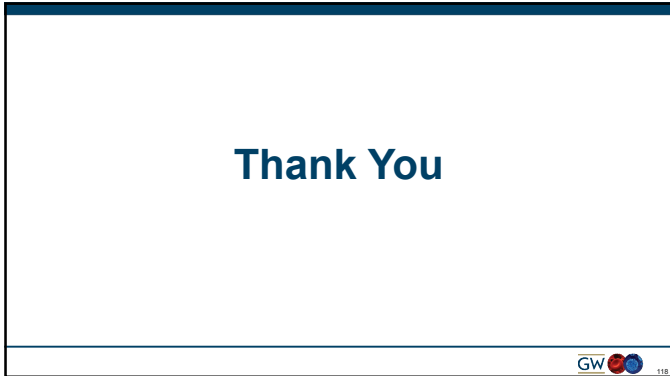
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