**Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)** is the most common type of liver cancer, accounting for about 75% of liver cancer cases in the U.S. According to 2019 annual estimates from the American Cancer Society, 42,000 new cases of liver cancer will be diagnosed and approximately 32,000 people will die from liver cancer.

**How common is HCC?**

Worldwide, HCC is the sixth most prevalent cancer. In the U.S., liver cancer incidence has more than tripled since 1980.

Liver cancer is about 3 times more common in men than in women.

**Quick Facts**

The median age at diagnosis in the U.S. is 64 years old.

This type of liver cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths worldwide.

HCC related to hepatitis C infection has become the fastest-rising cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S.

Liver cancer is more common in countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia than in the U.S. In many of these countries, it is the most common type of cancer.

**What are some common risk factors?**

- Hepatitis
- Chronic infection with hepatitis B virus and/or hepatitis C virus
- Heavy alcohol consumption
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Smoking

**What is the outlook?**

Five-year survival rates by stage at diagnosis:

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<td>18%</td>
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* The cancer has not spread beyond the liver.
** The cancer has spread directly to nearby lymph nodes, tissues or organs.
*** The cancer has spread to distant parts of the body.

**What are the treatment options?**

Standard treatment options for patients with HCC include:

- Surveillance
- Surgery
- Liver transplant
- Targeted therapy
- Ablation therapy
- Embolization therapy
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy

Patients may also receive investigational treatments by participating in a clinical trial.

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