Primary liver cancer is the **SIXTH** most common cancer in the world and the **SECOND** leading cause of cancer-related death.¹

More than **670,000 deaths**
That is one every 47 seconds

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), which represents about 90% of primary liver cancer, results in more than **670,000 deaths** globally per annum² – up to 1,837 people every day or 76 people every hour.

There are around 7,000 deaths each year in Germany.²

**What causes HCC?**

HCC occurs mainly in the liver of patients affected by **cirrhosis**.³

In the developed Western world, chronic **Hepatitis C** viral infection is the major risk factor for **cirrhosis**.³ Other risk factors include **Hepatitis B** virus and alcohol misuse.⁴

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