Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)
The most common form of primary liver cancer in the world

Over the past 10 years no new first-line treatments have become available or proven effective against HCC. As a result, HCC treatment lags behind other cancers.

What causes HCC?

HCC occurs mainly in the liver of patients affected by cirrhosis. In the developed Western world, chronic Hepatitis C viral infection is the major risk factor for cirrhosis. Other risk factors include Hepatitis B virus and alcohol misuse.

In Africa and East Asia, the most common risk factor for HCC (60% of cases) is Hepatitis B virus. NASH (non-alcoholic steatohepatitis) related HCC, often caused by obesity, is also on the rise worldwide.

Global burden

Global burden of the disease is predicted to increase. In Mongolia, the number of deaths is forecast to rise from 1,211 in 2012 to 1,601 by 2020 – a 32% increase.

References