

The Center for  
Cancer Prevention and Treatment™

St. Joseph Hospital   
ST. JOSEPH  
HEALTH SYSTEM



**LIVER  
TUMOR PROGRAM**

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The liver tumor experts at St. Joseph Hospital are recognized leaders for their clinical approach to treating liver cancer. Rather than relying on a single therapy, these highly trained specialists work together to develop an aggressive treatment plan that combines several different treatments. Each patient's treatment plan is customized based on their unique medical needs, as well as their personal preferences. A personalized treatment plan enhances the patient experience and contributes to improved clinical outcomes.

## A TEAM APPROACH TO CARE

Specialists with expertise in many areas of medicine all participate in the Liver Tumor Program at St. Joseph Hospital. During Liver Tumor Conferences, these specialists meet and review each patient's medical record, test results, radiologic studies (X-rays, CT scans, MRI), and specific stage and type of liver cancer prior to recommending a course of treatment.

### *These specialists include:*

- Gastroenterologists (specializing in digestive disorders)
- Surgeons (specializing in liver, bile duct and gallbladder cancer surgery)
- Medical Oncologists
- Radiation Oncologists
- Interventional Radiologists (specializing in minimally invasive radiology)
- Radiologists
- Pathologists
- Program Coordinator
- Cancer Navigator
- Clinical Research Professionals

These highly trained specialists are at the forefront of medical technology, pioneering better chemotherapies, anticancer drugs and radiation, and customizing minimally invasive treatments (radio-frequency ablation) and surgeries (including minimally invasive approaches) to aggressively treat liver tumors.

***Advanced treatment options:***

- Surgery
- Chemotherapy (given intravenously or orally)
- Radiation Therapy
- Radiofrequency Ablation (to destroy the tumor using high-frequency radiowaves and heat)
- Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (which delivers high doses of radiation for liver tumors that cannot be surgically removed)
- Chemoembolization (which delivers a large dose of chemotherapy directly to the liver tumor)
- Portal Vein Embolization (which is used prior to surgery to cause the healthy part to grow for a safer removal of the diseased portion)
- Antiviral therapies (to prevent further liver damage)





## MEETING YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS

Since each patient's treatment plan focuses on individual medical need, the Liver Tumor Program offers many additional services that can assist patients and their families throughout their treatment program and beyond.

### *These services include:*

- Clinical Trials
- Financial Counseling
- Genetic Counseling
- Interpreter Services
- Library and Resource Center
- Nutritional Counseling
- Palliative Care
- Pastoral Care
- Psychosocial Counseling
- Rehabilitation Programs
- Screening in high risk patients (with Hepatitis B and/or C and previous history of liver cancer)
- Social Services
- Survivorship Counseling



## **CANCER NAVIGATORS**

At The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, we understand that cancer treatment can be stressful. In addition to medical procedures, office visits and medications, many patients must also handle insurance, financial and family-related issues. At times it can seem overwhelming. That's why our Cancer Navigators are such an important part of our patient care team. They help coordinate treatment plans, provide education, assist with insurance and financial issues, coordinate support group meetings, offer emotional support and much more. These caring experts all work together to help ease the stress of cancer treatment, enabling patients to focus on what's most important – healing.

## **CLINICAL RESEARCH**

The Liver Tumor Program participates in clinical trials that give cancer patients access to new medications, technologies and procedures frequently not available elsewhere. As the only hospital in California selected by the National Cancer Institute to participate in its Community Cancer Centers Program, St. Joseph Hospital is actively involved in conducting research that is shaping the future of cancer care.



## ABOUT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Founded in 1929, St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, California is a nationally recognized, 525-bed, not-for-profit Catholic hospital dedicated to extending the healing ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. Fully accredited by The Joint Commission and designated as a Magnet hospital for nursing excellence, St. Joseph Hospital's reputation for clinical excellence and compassionate, family-centered care draws patients from all over the United States. With a highly recognized 1,000-member medical staff and more than 3,800 support staff, St. Joseph Hospital is home to more than 75 specialty programs, including The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, the Heart and Vascular Center and a nationally acclaimed Orthopedics program that has been ranked among the top 50 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Equally important is St. Joseph Hospital's dedication to caring for the medically underserved through health education programs, a free-standing medical and dental clinic and mobile health clinics. For more information, visit our website at [www.sjo.org](http://www.sjo.org).

# ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment at St. Joseph Hospital provides access to and coordination of the best resources for preventing, fighting and curing cancer. Ours is the first center of its kind in Orange County, and one of a few nationwide to offer preventive care, diagnosis, treatment and clinical trials in one convenient location. Led by physicians and staff dedicated to compassionate clinical excellence, our multidisciplinary teams render site-specific cancer care with survival rates exceeding state and national standards.

## NEED A PHYSICIAN?

You will find Orange County's finest physicians and specialists online at [www.sjo.org/liver](http://www.sjo.org/liver).

Patients seeking treatment from the Liver Tumor Program at St. Joseph Hospital can be referred by their primary care physician or by self-referral by calling **714-734-6295**.



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