

Hepatocellular Carcinoma Surveillance Programme

As part of the ongoing management of your chronic liver disease you require surveillance for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Your consultant will have discussed this with you.

Certain groups of people have a higher risk of developing growths in their liver, for example, people with liver cirrhosis.

What are the benefits?

Surveillance is important for you. If the growths are detected at an early stage there may be effective treatment available. Without the surveillance the growths may go unnoticed and could possibly be beyond treatment when they were discovered.

What is involved?

The surveillance requires you to have an abdominal ultrasound scan and a blood test every six months. Should either of these be abnormal you would then be required to have further investigations. Currently these are the recommended 'best practice' tests for this surveillance. They will identify most early tumours but a small percentage may still be missed.

The specialist nurse will send you a blood request sheet by post when your surveillance is due. The X-ray department will send a date for your ultrasound scan separately. You do not need to have the blood tests on the same day as the ultrasound.

The specialist nurse will check the results and record them, but the overall responsibility for your ongoing care will still remain with your consultant.

Confidentiality

All data will be stored in accordance with the NHS Confidentiality: Code of Practice

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

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