Liver & Intrahepatic Bile Duct Cancer in Mississippi 2011-2015

New Cases and Deaths:
- From 2011-2015, 1,418 new cases of Liver & Intrahepatic Bile Duct Cancer (thereafter Liver Cancer) were reported, and 1,292 people died of Liver Cancer in Mississippi (MS).
- Liver cancer is on the rise both in Mississippi and in the United States.

Incidence and Mortality Rates in Mississippi 2011-2015:
- For every 100,000 people, 8 new Liver Cancer cases were reported (US: 8) and 8 (US: 6) died of cancer between 2011 and 2015. Mississippi’s mortality rate due to Liver Cancer is the 7th highest in the country.
- Liver cancer is more common in men than women, and among Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native populations.
- For every 100,000 White males, 13 new Liver Cancer cases were reported and 11 died of cancer.
- Mortality due to liver cancer is particularly high among White males in our state. In fact, Mississippi’s mortality rate due to liver cancer among White males is the highest in the nation (MS: 11; US: 9).
- For every 100,000 Black males, 11 new Liver Cancer cases were reported and 10 died of cancer. (US: 13; highest: 24).
- For every 100,000 White females, 4 new Liver Cancer cases were reported and even 5 died between 2011 and 2015. In fact, Mississippi’s mortality rate due to liver cancer among White females is the 2nd highest in the nation (MS: 5; US: 4).

Risk Factors: Some liver cancer risk factors you can’t change, such as being a man or your race/ethnicity. There are other factors that you can modify. Hepatitis B virus (HBV) or Hepatitis C virus (HCV) and cirrhosis of the liver are common risk factors. HBV and HCV can spread from person to person through sharing contaminated needles (i.e., drug use), unprotected sex, or childbirth.

Prevention: Vaccinate against HBV, exercise, keep a healthy weight, eliminate alcohol, quit smoking, don’t share needles, avoid and treat hepatitis infections. Get tested for HBV and HCV.

Symptoms: In later stage: Weight loss (without trying), loss of appetite, nausea/vomiting, mass under the ribs, pain in abdomen, yellowish skin and eyes. Talk to your doctor.