

HEPATITIS C & LIVER CANCER: A GROWING THREAT IN THE HEPATITIS C POPULATION



- Each year, **1% to 4%** of people with HCV-related cirrhosis develop liver cancer.
- The incidence of liver cancer in the U.S. more than **doubled** between 1975 and 1998.
- The number of new cases of liver cancer and the associated number of liver cancer deaths are expected to **double again** in the United States over the next 10 to 20 years.
- The hepatitis C virus has been labeled as a known **cancer-causing agent** because of its direct role in the development of liver cancer.
- Over **18,500 Americans** will be diagnosed with liver cancer in 2006; most will have underlying hepatitis C disease as a contributing factor to their disease.
- More than **16,000 Americans will die** of liver cancer in 2006.
- More women in the U.S. die every year of liver cancer than of cervical cancer.
- The number of American men dying of liver cancer each year is **30-times** the number of men who die of testicular cancer.
- The annual number of **liver cancer deaths in the U.S. exceeds** that of gastric (stomach) cancer, melanoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, brain cancer, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, esophageal cancer, laryngeal cancer, and bone cancer.

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