

LIVER DISEASE

There are many different diseases of the liver. Perhaps the most commonly known are the hepatitis conditions, there are several different diseases that cause inflammation of the liver and these are collectively known as hepatitis.

Cirrhosis of the liver is the formation of fibrous tissue caused by the death of liver cells. This damage may be caused by alcohol, hepatitis infections or more rare conditions like primary biliary cirrhosis which is progressive damage caused to the bile ducts which causes bile to build up in the liver which in time causes damage.

There are cancers of the liver, some are primary and some are secondary. Hepatocellular carcinoma is a primary cancer of the liver that is usually associated with some other form of damage to the liver.

Many diseases of the liver are accompanied by jaundice.

BRITISH LIVER TRUST

2 Southampton Road, Ringwood BH24 1HY

Website: www.britishlivertrust.org.uk

Free Helpline: 0800 652 7330
General enquiries: 01425 481320

PRIMARY BILIARY CIRRHOSIS FOUNDATION

Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC) is a progressive autoimmune (i.e., not related to alcohol or drug abuse) condition of the liver which has no known cause and no known cure.

The PBC Foundation, 54 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Scotland EH2 3NS

Website: www.pbcfoundation.org.uk/

Telephone: 0131 225 8586

WILSON'S DISEASE UK

Wilson's Disease is a rare genetic disorder that is fatal unless detected and treated before serious illness develops from copper poisoning. Wilson's Disease affects about one in thirty thousand people worldwide.

Website: www.wilsons-disease.org.uk/

PSC SUPPORT UK

Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) is an uncommon chronic liver disease where the bile ducts inside and outside the liver progressively narrow due to inflammation and scarring. Bile ducts are tubes which carry bile (a greenish yellow liquid made by the liver) into the upper part of the bowel, in order to break up the fat from the food that we eat. The narrowing causes bile to accumulate in the liver, and can result in damage to the liver cells. There is currently no evidence that the disease may be inherited. PSC may occur alone, but in 70% of cases there is associated bowel disease, particularly Colitis and/or Crohn's Disease

Website: www.psc-support.demon.co.uk

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THE CHILDREN'S LIVER DISEASE FOUNDATION

Telephone: 0121 212 3839

CLDF was the first charity to be established concerned with liver disease. Today it leads the field in caring for babies and children with liver disease

Children's Liver Disease Foundation, 36 Great Charles Street, Birmingham B3 3JY

Website: www.childliverdisease.org - and their families

THE AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS

Online support resource provides information and advice to anyone affected by autoimmune hepatitis in the UK and abroad

Website: www.autoimmunehepatitis.co.uk

ADDENBROOKES LIVER TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION (ALTA)

Alta provide support for liver transplant patients and their families before, during and after transplantation. It was formed in 1991 by patients who recognised the need for a group of this sort. Transplant surgery is a unique experience and people who undergo organ transplantation share a very special bond. This bond enables them to give each other a particular kind of support and understanding. If required Alta can bring people and their families together to help them cope with personal worries, doubts and needs.

Website: www.alta.org.uk

SELF HELP UK

Self Help UK is a free service provided by Intuition Communication Ltd, specialists in health care applications on the Internet. It provides a searchable database of over 1,000 self help organisations and support groups across the UK that provide support, guidance and advice to patients, carers and their relatives

Website: www.self-help.org.uk

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