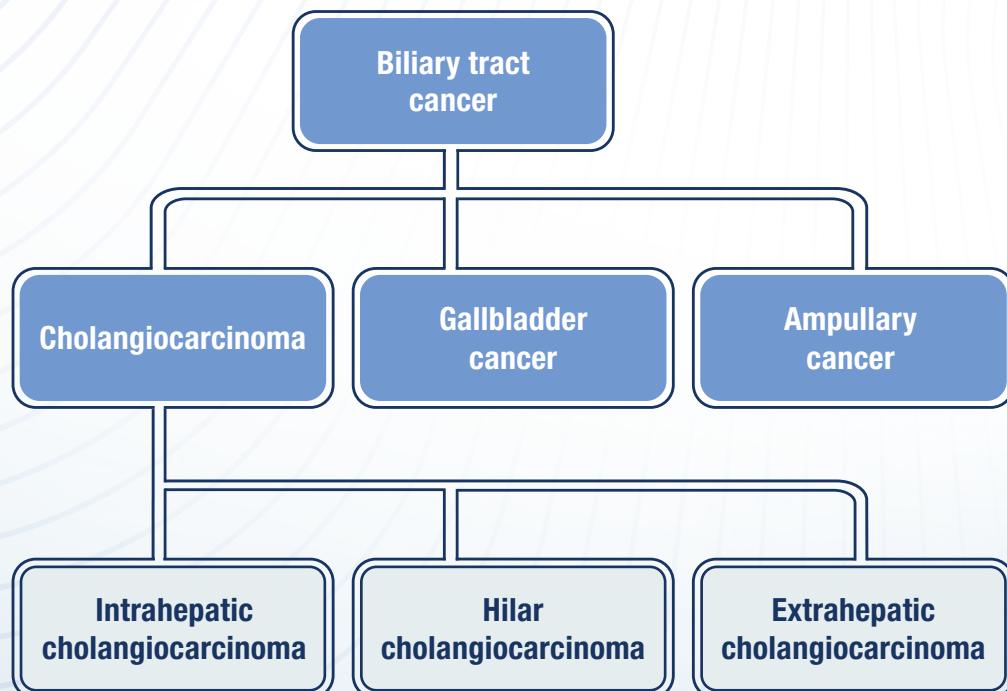


BILIARY TRACT CANCER

Information to support you

What is biliary tract cancer?

Biliary tract cancer is a cancer that forms in the cells of the **bile ducts**, **gallbladder** or **ampulla of Vater**. **Biliary tract cancer** is commonly classified according to the origins of the cancer in the biliary tract.



What is cholangiocarcinoma?

Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA) is the medical term for cancer that develops in the **bile ducts**. **CCA** is categorised depending on which part of the **bile duct** the cancer develops in:

- **Intrahepatic CCA** originates in the **bile ducts** within the liver and accounts for 10%–20% of **CCA** cases.
- **Hilar CCA** originates just outside the liver, where the left and right hepatic ducts join together – these are the most common type of **CCA**, accounting for 50% of cases.
- **Extrahepatic CCA** originates in **bile ducts** further away from the liver, including the **bile ducts** running through the **pancreas** to the small intestine, and accounts for 30%–40% of **CCAs**.

Cholangiocarcinoma is categorised according to the origin of the cancer within the bile ducts

What is gallbladder cancer?

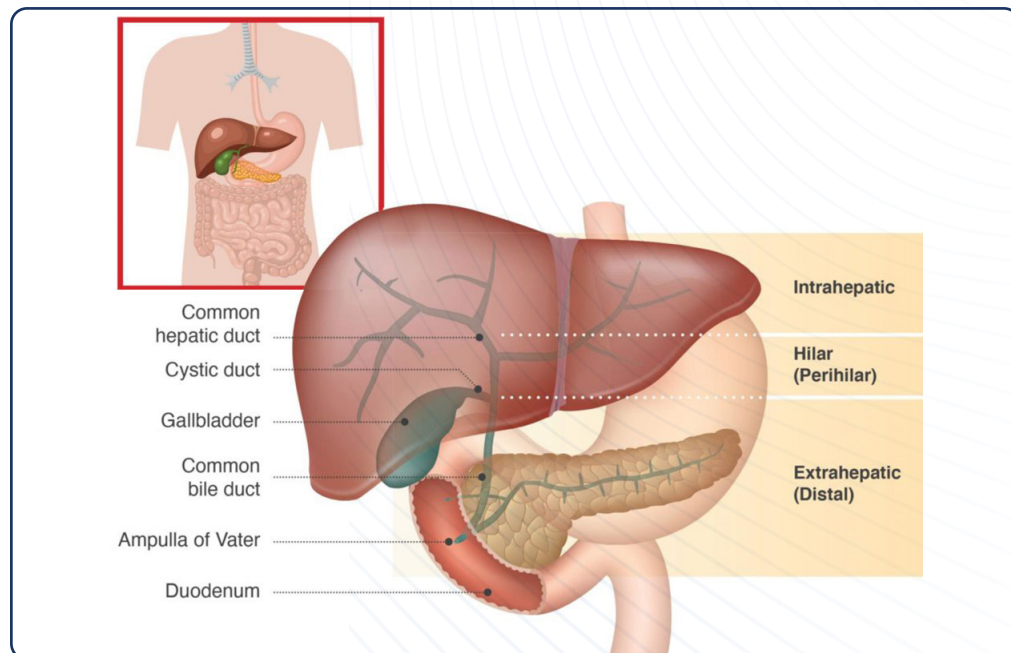
Gallbladder cancer originates in the cells of the **gallbladder**. Most gallbladder cancers are **adenocarcinomas**, which begin in the gland cells of the **gallbladder** lining.

What is ampullary cancer?

Ampullary cancer originates in the area where the common **bile duct** meets the pancreatic duct, which is called the **ampulla of Vater**.

Notes

The liver, its position in the body and where the bile ducts are



AMMF — The Cholangiocarcinoma Charity is a registered charity based in the UK, working nationally and internationally.

AMMF offers support to those with biliary tract cancer (cholangiocarcinoma, gallbladder cancer, ampullary cancer). There is a wealth of information and resources for patients and carers available on AMMF's website, and through AMMF's discussion groups. See links and contact details below.



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