

LIVER METASTASES DUE TO PROSTATE CANCER?

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DISCLAIMER: Please recognize that I am not a Medical Doctor. I have been an avid student researching and studying prostate cancer as a survivor and continuing patient since 1992. I have dedicated my retirement years to continued research and study in order to serve as an advocate for prostate cancer awareness, and, from a activist patient's viewpoint, to voluntarily help patients, caregivers, and others interested develop an understanding of prostate cancer, its treatment options, and the treatment of the side effects that often accompany treatment. There is absolutely no charge for my mentoring – I provide this free service as one who has been there and hoping to make your journey one with better understanding and knowledge than was available to me when I was diagnosed so many years ago. Readers of this paper must understand that the comments or recommendations I make are not intended to be the procedure to blindly follow; rather, they are to be reviewed as my opinion, then used for further personal research, study, and subsequent discussion with the medical professional/physician providing your prostate cancer care.

You may want to contact Dr. Charles Nutting, a specialist in the treatment of liver cancer and cancer metastasized to the liver in Greenwood Village, Colorado for a consult. “When SIR-Spheres microspheres are used to treat liver cancer, the treatment is called Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (called SIRT). This is a relatively new treatment option for people suffering inoperable liver cancer. [2] SIR-Spheres are very small radioactive beads about one third the size of a human hair width that are injected into tumors within the liver.”

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sirtex>

Dr. Charlie Nutting and his colleague Dr. Elizabeth Brooke Spencer specialize in administering Sir-spheres or Therasphere as a possible treatment option for liver mets, particularly patients who are not candidates for liver resection or other targeted liver treatment choices. Dr. Nutting is a fellowship trained, board certified interventional radiologist specializing in Interventional Oncology procedures. He was the first physician in the United States to perform hepatic radioembolization with SIR-Spheres in March, 2002, and has performed over 400 procedures. This is information I have in my folders from three years ago, so has likely performed many more since. Here is contact info:

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Here is other information I have in my files regarding liver cancer:

In researching, I did find the comment "When larger areas of the liver are involved, treatment may involve chemotherapy directly into the liver, or a procedure to block blood flow to parts of the liver (embolization) to "starve" the tumor cells. You may want to discuss this "directly into the liver" comment with your treating physician. In the meantime, I think it would be prudent to make an appointment with a Medical Oncologist – particularly one knowledgeable in the treatment of liver cancer - to help guide further treatment considerations.

I found the foregoing "comment" in <http://tinyurl.com/3e9dd8q>

A patient's experience with prostate cancer metastasized to the liver:

<http://tinyurl.com/l9ggjv4>