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Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Medical Condition

Chronic liver disease involving inflammation, scarring and narrowing of bile ducts.

📊 Very rare (Fewer than 20,000 cases per year in US)

🧪 Requires lab test or imaging

🩺 Treatable by a medical professional

🕒 Can last several months or years

The cause is not clearly understood. The symptoms include fatigue, pain in the upper right abdomen, night sweats, enlarged spleen, enlarged liver, chills, weight loss, jaundice and itching. The known cure is liver transplant. It can be treated by managing the symptoms using drugs such as antibiotics, opioid antagonists, bile acid sequestrants and ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA).

Symptoms

The most common symptoms are fatigue and intense itching. Other symptoms appear as the disease progresses and include:

- Pain in the upper right abdomen
- Jaundice
- Enlarged spleen and/or liver
- Night sweats, chills
- Malabsorption of fat leading to fatty stools
- Weight loss

Treatments

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Medication

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The lifetime **incidence of cholangiocarcinoma** in this patient population ranges between 5% and 10%.^{23–26} About 50% of **patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis** who develop **cholangiocarcinoma** are diagnosed with **cholangio-carcinoma** within 24 months of diagnosis of **primary sclerosing cholangitis**.^{23,27} The risk of cholangio-

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