

GALLBLADDER CARCINOMA AND INTRAHEPATIC CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA TREATMENT REGIMENS

Clinical Trials: The NCCN recommends cancer patient participation in clinical trials as the gold standard for treatment.

Cancer therapy selection, dosing, administration, and the management of related adverse events can be a complex process that should be handled by an experienced healthcare team. Clinicians must choose and verify treatment options based on the individual patient; drug dose modifications and supportive care interventions should be administered accordingly. The cancer treatment regimens below may include both U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved and unapproved indications/regimens. These regimens are only provided to supplement the latest treatment strategies.

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Primary Treatment of Advanced Disease (Category 1)^{1*}

All recommendations are Category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

REGIMEN	DOSING
Gemcitabine + cisplatin²	Days 1 and 8: Cisplatin 25mg/m ² IV (2-hour infusion) followed by gemcitabine 1,000mg/m ² IV (0.5-hour infusion). Repeat every 21 days initially for 4 cycles then re-evaluate and continue for an additional 4 cycles if warranted.

Unresectable or Metastatic Disease¹

General Treatment Note: Order of the treatment options below does not indicate preference. The choice of treatment modalities may depend on extent/location of disease and institutional capabilities.¹

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Clinical trials	Systemic or intra-operative chemotherapy may be used in a clinical trial or at experienced centers.
Fluoropyridimine-based or other gemcitabine-based chemotherapy regimen^{3†}	The collected clinical experience and a comprehensive meta-analysis imply that gemcitabine and gemcitabine-based platinum regimens are slightly advantageous compared with fluoropyridimine regimens.
Fluoropyridimine chemoradiation	There are limited clinical trial data to define a standard regimen or definitive benefit. ⁴
Locoregional therapy (category 2B)	Locoregional therapy should be considered in those patients not candidates for surgical curative treatments, or as part of a strategy to bridge patients for other curative therapies. These are broadly categorized into ablation and arterially directed therapies. See the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines on Hepatobiliary Cancers for more detailed information. ¹
Targeted therapies with or without chemotherapy	Molecularly targeted agents, including bevacizumab, erlotinib, and lapatinib, that inhibit angiogenesis and EGFR pathways are entering clinical trials. ⁵

* General treatment note: clinical trial participation is encouraged first and foremost.¹

† There are phase 2 trials that support the following combinations: gemcitabine/oxaliplatin, gemcitabine/capecitabine, capecitabine/cisplatin, capecitabine/oxaliplatin, 5-FU/oxaliplatin, 5-FU/cisplatin, and the single agents gemcitabine, capecitabine, and 5-FU; however, the recent phase 3 study showing longer survival with gemcitabine and cisplatin than with gemcitabine alone has set a new standard for this disease.

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