

Under Development: New Service Preview

Liver Tumor Clinic at the Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Institute



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OVERVIEW

The Department of Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary and Transplant Surgery is developing a new Liver Tumor Clinic to provide multidisciplinary team management of liver tumors.

“This is not only a place to bring the best thinking together, but also a place where thought leaders can meet and take care of a patient in a one-stop shopping approach,” explains Charles Miller, MD, Program & Surgical Director of Liver Transplantation at Cleveland Clinic.

“It’s important to have oncologists, interventional radiologists and hepatologists in the same setting to define which different therapies you can approach to treat tumors and determine whether a patient is a candidate for a transplant.”

– **Federico Aucejo, MD**, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary and Transplant surgeon who is spearheading the Liver Tumor Clinic

SERVICES OFFERED

A multidisciplinary approach is used to treat liver tumors, including surgical resection (open, laparoscopic, robotic);

radio frequency ablation (RFA); transarterial chemoembolization (TACE); transarterial radiotherapy; systemic chemotherapy; and liver transplantation (cadaveric and living donation).

STAFF

Start-up personnel include a transplant surgeon/hepatobiliary surgeon, hepatologist, interventional radiologist, oncologist, nurse manager, research manager and scheduler.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

The new clinic will improve patient experience by eliminating multiple appointments with different physicians at various locations. It will provide referring physicians with a centralized point of contact, facilitating access and improving communication. It also will create an unprecedented, comprehensive liver tumor database that will enable our team members to collect data and conduct research that may one day improve the care we can offer patients.

The Digestive Disease Institute is ranked second in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2008 Best Hospitals Survey and Cleveland Clinic’s Taussig Cancer Institute was ranked the No. 1 cancer center in Ohio.

Vital Stats:

- Cleveland Clinic is the fourth-largest provider of liver transplants in the world.
- Average wait time for a liver transplant at Cleveland Clinic is six months – roughly half the time as other centers.
- Survival rates (one year) for liver transplants top 90 percent.