

Primary liver cancers are more prevalent in patients who have a background of chronic liver disease. In such patients screening for cancer may find a tumour which is small enough to give a good chance of cure after surgical resection. Also, early tumours can sometimes be destroyed by delivering radiofrequency energy through a fine needle. Our group is evaluating the benefits of these treatments.

Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Surgery

These patients are best treated in a multidisciplinary clinic. The use of preoperative chemotherapy is showing improved long term outcomes. PET scanning has been an important recent development in managing these patients. It allows us to identify patients who will benefit from surgery. Chemotherapy and radiotherapy are better options for those who are unsuitable for surgery. A new database is recording outcomes to evaluate these treatments.

Recent Publications from the CanSur Group

Classification of Pancreatic Cystic Lesions Using SELDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry: ANZJ Surg: 77; 8,648-653, 2007
This paper uses proteomics to discover new methods of identifying which pancreatic cysts should undergo surgery.

The Significance of Growth Factors and uPA/uPAR in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Pancreas 36;2,260-267, 2008. This paper examines mechanisms which influence the spread of pancreatic cancer cells.

Sporadic Pancreatic Polypeptide Secreting Tumors (PPomas) of the Pancreas: World J Surg. June 2 2008. This paper describes a benign pancreatic tumour which could be confused with cancer and shows that the proteins found in cancer are not found in these tumours.

Pancreatic Cancer May Strike Anyone –



"I was a fortunate and happy man. After that, this blow arrived. And now I am paying the penalty for this fortune and happiness."

Luciano Pavarotti

**Professor Ross Smith
Chairman,
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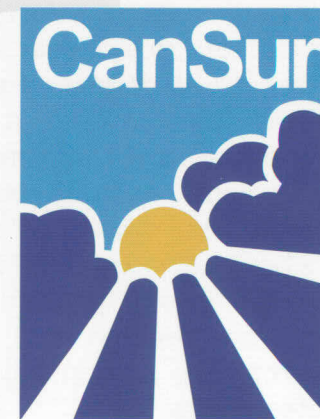
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