



Patient information:



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There are three ways in which you can get SIRT treatment:

- 1) NHS
- 2) Private funding
- 3) Clinical trials

NHS

SIRT is available through the NHS in England and Scotland for patients with:

- Liver cancer that has spread from the bowel where all other routine approaches, such as surgery and chemotherapy, have been unsuccessful
- Bile duct cancer patients who have been previously treated

For any other type of cancer an application can be made under exceptional circumstances but there is no obligation for the NHS to fund the treatment.

For patients that meet the NHS criteria above, SIRT can be obtained by a doctor's referral to one of the eleven NHS approved hospitals that are listed below.

If you find that you are having to wait a long time to be treated with SIRT at your nearest hospital, it is possible for your doctor to refer you to another NHS SIRT approved hospital that may have a shorter waiting list so you can be treated more quickly.

SIRT is not routinely available on the NHS in Wales and Northern Ireland but may be accessed as part of a clinical trial or by making an application for its use under exceptional circumstances. If you are having problems accessing SIRT, you may be able to seek further advice on other options from one of the support groups in the 'Ask an expert' section on the My SIRT Story website.

Hospitals where SIRT is available through the NHS:

North:

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

South:

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

Midlands and East:

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London:

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
The Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Scotland:

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Private funding

SIRT may be paid for privately and can be accessed throughout the UK at SIRT approved hospitals. Most major insurers in the UK fund the SIRT procedure routinely. If you have private medical insurance, you should seek referral to a SIRT specialist who will make a detailed case to your provider.

Email us at info@mysirtstory.co.uk to find your nearest SIRT approved hospital.

Clinical trials

There is currently a research study called FOXFIRE that is looking for patients to get involved until the end of October 2014. The aim of this research is to understand if treatment with SIR-Spheres microspheres and chemotherapy works better than chemotherapy alone for bowel cancer that has spread to the liver. This only applies to patients who have not previously received chemotherapy to treat liver metastases.

Patients taking part in the study will be entered into either the SIR-Spheres microspheres and chemotherapy group or chemotherapy alone group. Neither you nor your doctor can decide which group you are in.

The recruitment for patients onto this trial will end on 31 October 2014. This trial is funded by the Bobby Moore Fund of Cancer Research UK and is sponsored by the University of Oxford.

