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

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

NHS

NHS England have announced that from April 2019 selective internal radiation therapy (SIRT) using yttrium-90 microspheres will be available as a routinely commissioned NHS treatment for patients with advanced bowel cancer that has spread to the liver and is not responding to standard chemotherapies.

In the Clinical Commissioning Policy paper: Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (SIRT) for chemotherapy refractory/intolerant metastatic colorectal cancer (adults), NHS England recommends that adults with chemotherapy refractory or chemotherapy intolerant unresectable, liver-only metastatic colorectal cancer that meet all of the eligibility criteria will be able to be treated with SIRT using yttrium-90 microspheres.²

For patients with advanced bowel cancer, patients will have to meet certain criteria to be eligible for the treatment on the NHS. Specialist liver centres in England which satisfy the criteria specified by NHS England will be able to routinely offer this procedure.

The liver metastases should not be operable and the disease should not be responding to standard chemotherapies. For patients with other cancers that may benefit from SIRT, such as primary cancers of the liver, the policy proposals are still being reviewed.

You will need to discuss this further with your own clinician in the first instance.

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

Clinical trial information will be published when it is available.

