

Colorectal Cancer | By Stage of Treatment Options | Diagnosis

TREATMENT OPTIONS BY STAGE

Stage 0 =
Earliest stage of cancer

Stage IV=
Most advanced stage of cancer

Stage	Surgery	Chemotherapy/Biologics	Radiation
Stage 0	Yes	No	No
Stage I	Yes	No	No
Stage II	Yes	Yes, for rectal and high risk colon cancers. FOLFOX or CapeOx	Yes, for rectal cancer. Given in tandem with 5-FU or Xeloda
Stage III	Yes	FOLFOX, CapeOx	Yes, for rectal cancer. Given in tandem with 5-FU or Xeloda
Stage IV	Yes, if the tumor is obstructive or blocking the bowel Some patients become surgical candidates for liver, lung or peritoneal surgery Usually not, if the tumor is not blocking the bowel	FOLFOX or FOLFIRI plus Avastin or Erbitux or Vectibix or Zaltrap, Stivarga, Lonsurf	Yes, for rectal cancer and in certain other cases Interventional radiology for liver and lung metastases

TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

Understanding all the treatment options available to you can be overwhelming. Use this guide to explore your choices, get the facts about the latest breakthroughs, and understand what each treatment option involves so you can work with your doctor to make an informed decision. Clinical trials are also available for all stages of colorectal cancer.

Surgery/Resection

Resection is the partial or complete removal of an organ, such as the colon, liver or lung. HIPEC (hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy) is a heated chemotherapy treatment that can be an option for certain abdominal surgeries.

Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy refers to treatment using chemicals to kill cells that divide rapidly, such as harmful cancer cells.

Trade Name	Generic Name
5Fluorouracil (5-FU)	---
Camptosar	Irinotecan/CPT-11
Xeloda	Capecitabine
Eloxatin	Oxaliplatin
Lonsurf	Trifluridine + Tipiracil

Biologics

Biologics include a wide range of substances from animal products and other living sources (as opposed to chemically manufactured medications) to prevent, diagnose or treat disease.

Trade Name	Generic Name
Avastin	Bevacizumab
Erbitux	Cetuximab
Vectibix	Panitumumab
Zaltrap	Ziv-Aflibercept
Cyramza	Ramucirumab
Stivarga	Regorafenib

Radiation

Radiation therapy uses high-energy rays to kill cancer cells.

