

Often Asymptomatic

Thumbs up

In early stages of the disease, HCC is often asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic with features of cirrhosis. In advanced stages unspecific complaints such as upper abdominal complaints (e.g. feeling of pressure in the upper abdomen due to liver capsule expansion), weight loss and loss of appetite can occur.

Jaundice

Jaundice-janitor

Yellowing of the skin, mucous membranes and internal organs due to hyperbilirubinemia can be seen. This manifests itself particularly early in the yellowing of the dermis (sclera) of the eyes. The yellow color is caused by the leakage of the bile pigment bilirubin from the blood into the various body tissues.

Ascites

Ascites Iced-tea

A pathological accumulation of free fluid in the peritoneal cavity, particularly an increasing rate of accumulation, is associated with the development of HCC. An enlarged waist, weight gain, flatulence, bulging abdomen and possibly an umbilical hernia can be seen.