

Clinical Features

Weight Loss

[Skinny-with-baggy-pants](#)

One-third of patients with cholangiocarcinoma can present with weight loss.

Abdominal Pain

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Abdominal pain is commonly seen in the later stages of the disease and is usually characterized by a dull ache on the right upper quadrant.

Fatigue

[Sleepy-guy](#)

Fatigue is the most common symptom experienced in the early stages of cholangiocarcinoma.

Jaundice

[Jaundice-janitor](#)

The most common symptom experienced by patients with late cholangiocarcinoma is jaundice. It occurs due to cholestasis secondary to obstruction.

Histology

Infiltrating Neoplastic Glands

[New-growths Gland](#)

On histology, cholangiocarcinoma characterized by infiltrating neoplastic glands.

Desmoplastic Stroma

[Desk-plastic Straw-man](#)

On histology, cholangiocarcinoma is characterized by a desmoplastic stroma. This finding is characterized by an expanded matrix production with the remodeling of connective tissue structures within a tumor, not unlike chronic-active scarring.