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Areas of expertise:

- ✓ Liver tumors
 - Tumor types:
 - Hepatocellular carcinoma
 - Metastatic colorectal cancer
 - Treatment modalities
 - Liver resection
 - Radiofrequency ablation
 - Portal vein embolization
 - Transarterial chemoembolization
- ✓ Pancreatic cancer
- ✓ Gallbladder cancer
- ✓ Stomach cancer
- ✓ Neuroendocrine tumors
- ✓ Melanoma
- ✓ Soft-tissue sarcoma

Dr. Contreras completed his Surgical Oncology training at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. There, his focus was on the most effective surgical approaches to hepatobiliary and pancreatic malignancies.

He promotes a patient-centered approach, and feels that effective communication is paramount in the multidisciplinary care of his patients. He routinely collaborates with his colleagues in primary care and the various oncologic subspecialties. Dr. Contreras is pleased to offer a range of oncologic therapies, including minimally invasive approaches.

New Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Patients.

Dr. Carlo Contreras

Dr. Carlo Contreras, a surgical oncologist with the department of surgery at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, said in the past, pancreatic cancer has been a difficult diagnosis with limited effective treatment options. Today it is different.

"Twenty years ago, patients who developed pancreatic cancer really didn't have much hope," Dr. Contreras said. "Today, each patient will have a cohesive team of doctors, each of whom will provide unique, complementary treatments for pancreatic cancer. Treatment involves a close partnership with the patient and a team of doctors that weigh the roles of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy."

Dr. Contreras, who specializes in liver and pancreatic cancer, is affiliated with the Mitchell Cancer Institute and sees patients there. He also treats patients with a variety of skin and gastrointestinal cancers including stomach tumors, neuroendocrine tumors, melanoma and sarcoma.

Approximately 43,000 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year in the United States alone.

"The specific kind of treatment that a patient needs depends on what symptoms the patient is having, the size and location of the pancreatic cancer and whether it has spread beyond the pancreas," he said. "Pancreatic cancer is a trying experience, but therapies are improving every day, which ultimately means better outcomes for patients."

"Being diagnosed with any type of cancer is incredibly difficult," Dr. Contreras said, "but faith, a supportive family network and a specialized team of doctors can help restore hope, dignity, peace of mind, and quality of life."

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