

## **Carcinoid Tumor - Latest Research** [1]

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**ON THIS PAGE:** You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about this type of tumor and how to treat it. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

Doctors are working to learn more about carcinoid tumors, ways to prevent them, how to best treat them, and how to provide the best care to people diagnosed with this disease. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through [clinical trials](#) [3]. Always talk with your doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for you.

**New treatment approaches.** Currently, many clinical trials for carcinoid tumors are studying new drugs and drug combinations. This includes the approaches of [targeted therapy](#) [4] and [immunotherapy](#) [5] as described in the [Treatment Options](#) [6] section.

**Genetics.** As outlined in the [Risk Factors](#) [7] section, family history of [MEN1](#) [8] may play a role in an individual's risk level for developing a carcinoid tumor. Researchers are investigating MEN1 to learn more about this hereditary risk.

**Supportive care.** Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and side effects of current carcinoid tumor treatments in order to improve patients' comfort and quality of life.

### **Looking for More About the Latest Research?**

If you would like additional information about the latest areas of research regarding carcinoid tumor, explore these related items that take you outside of this guide:

- To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your doctor or [search online clinical trial databases now](#) [9]. Please note this link will take you outside of this guide.
- Review [research from the 2014 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium](#) [10] about a new chemotherapy combination for metastatic neuroendocrine tumors, including carcinoid tumors.

*The next section addresses how to cope with the symptoms of the disease or the side effects of its treatment. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Coping with Side Effects, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.*

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**Links:**

- [1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/carcinoid-tumor/latest-research>
- [2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>
- [3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18653>
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