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 type of tumor. 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. New approaches to drug treatment include 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 for developing a carcinoid tumor. Researchers are investigating MEN1 to learn more about this hereditary risk factor.
- **Palliative 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.
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Review research from the 2014 GI Cancers Symposium [10] about combining chemotherapy for metastatic neuroendocrine tumors, including carcinoid tumors.

- Visit the website of the Conquer Cancer Foundation [11] to find out how to help support research for every cancer type. Please note this link takes you to a separate ASCO website.

The next section in this guide is Coping with Side Effects [12], and it offers some guidance in how to cope with the physical, emotional, and social changes that a carcinoid tumor and its treatment can bring. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

Links:
[1] http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/carcinoid-tumor/latest-research
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