

Pressurised intraperitoneal aerosol chemotherapy for peritoneal carcinomatosis

Information for the public

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This procedure can only be done as part of a research study. This is because there is not enough evidence to be sure how well it works.

Peritoneal carcinomatosis is cancer that has spread inside the peritoneal cavity (the space between the 2 membranes that separate the organs in the abdomen from the abdominal wall). It can happen with cancers in the pelvis, such as ovarian cancer, or in the abdomen, such as bowel cancer, and occasionally with cancers elsewhere in the body. In this procedure, chemotherapy is sprayed inside the peritoneal cavity through a small tube inserted into the abdomen for several minutes. The aim is to apply the chemotherapy directly to the cancer.

NICE's information on [interventional procedures guidance](#) has more about what a procedure is and how we assess them.

Is this procedure right for me?

If you've been offered this procedure, your healthcare professionals should discuss with you what is involved, and explain the research study, and tell you about the risks and benefits. They should talk with you about your options, and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. All of this should happen before you agree (consent) to have the procedure and to be in the study. You should also be told how to find more information about the procedure. Read more about [making decisions about your care](#).

Some questions to think about

- What does the procedure involve?
- What are the possible benefits? How likely am I to get them?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- What happens if the procedure doesn't work or something goes wrong?
- What happens if I don't want the procedure? Are there other treatments available?

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