



your hepatologist/gastroenterologist

A PARTNER IN YOUR PRIMARY HLH TREATMENT JOURNEY

Many professionals will provide support to you and your family during your primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) journey. Here you will find specific information about an important member of your care team—the **hepatologist/gastroenterologist**.

what is a hepatologist/gastroenterologist?

- **Hepatologists** focus on liver disorders as well as the pancreas and gallbladder
- **Gastroenterologists** are doctors who diagnose and treat diseases of the digestive organs, including the liver, stomach, intestines, pancreas, and gallbladder
- Because of the overlap between these 2 fields, doctors are often trained in both areas

why might I see a hepatologist/gastroenterologist?

A swollen spleen and liver (hepatosplenomegaly), poor liver function, or yellow skin and eyes (jaundice) may be some of the first symptoms of primary HLH. A **hepatologist/gastroenterologist** may be brought in to see what is causing these symptoms.

- Primary HLH can be difficult to diagnose and can be mistaken for other conditions
- **Hepatologists/gastroenterologists** specialize in seeing patients with enlarged digestive organs, which often happens in primary HLH
- **Hepatologists/gastroenterologists** help to rule out digestive or liver conditions as the cause of illness



