

WHY THE NAME CHANGE?

After a long collaborative effort among PBC patient organizations, physicians and researchers around the world, the acronym PBC now has a more accurate official designation: **PRIMARY BILIARY CHOLANGITIS**



To us, a name is more than just a **NAME**.



The former name, “Primary Biliary Cirrhosis,” was inaccurate and problematic for a number of reasons:

1

The majority of patients with PBC are now commonly diagnosed in the early stages of the disease.

2

With current available therapies for PBC, the vast majority of these patients will never progress to cirrhosis.

3

Negative connotations associated with the word cirrhosis inappropriately stigmatize patients.

Changing the name from Primary Biliary Cirrhosis to Primary Biliary Cholangitis solved these problems, while retaining the globally recognized abbreviation PBC. In addition, the term Cholangitis, which means inflammation of the bile ducts, captures the true essence of PBC where the immune system attacks and destroys the cells lining the small to medium caliber bile ducts.

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