

Mistakes in alcoholic liver disease and how to avoid them

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Alcohol consumption is the most prevalent cause of liver cirrhosis in Europe and the third leading risk factor for overall mortality, accounting for approximately half a million deaths annually worldwide.

KEY POINTS

- Alcoholic liver cirrhosis represents 50% of all cirrhosis cases globally according to the World Health Organization.
- Alcoholic liver disease is multifaceted with several cofactors influencing its progression.
- Patients with alcohol abuse can simultaneously have viral hepatitis B or C, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, or haemochromatosis.
- This material provides epidemiological context on the burden of alcohol-related liver disease in Europe and globally.

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