

Make Treatment Decisions

Once you have clarity about your personal ACC status and have explored various treatment options, you will be in a better position to make treatment decisions. You may have several alternatives to weigh or just one treatment option available. These two frameworks may be useful tools to consider with your medical team as you evaluate treatments. These are not definitive models and should be used merely to help you make the best decisions for your case.

Treatment Decisions Framework Original Diagnosis

		Metastasis?	
		No	Yes
Resectable Primary tumor?	Yes	Surgery and radiation is standard of care. Some patients opt for no radiation. Some patients opt for radiation with chemo-sensitizers.	Consider Surgery and radiation protocol to primary tumor. See Framework for Metastasis.
	No	Some patients opt for more powerful and targeted radiation including(neutron, carbon ion or proton). Many patients opt to add chemo-sensitizers to radiation.	See Framework for Metastasis.

Treatment Decisions Framework Metastasis

		Tumor Growth Rate	
		Stable	Progressive
Extent and Location of Tumors	Few, small and not near vital structures.	Some choose Watchful Waiting and/or stereotactic radiation, brachytherapy or radio-frequency ablation if aggressive. Some choose surgery.	Some choose stereotactic radiation, brachytherapy, radio-frequency ablation. Some choose surgery.
	Numerous, large or near vital structures	Watchful Waiting (Systemic Therapy if aggressive). Some choose surgery.	Many try Systemic Therapy/chemotherapy. Some choose surgery.