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Articles

Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal cancer: an overview

Ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal cancer has the poorest survival outcomes of all gynaecological malignancies.

Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine, 2024-01-01, 34, 1, pp.19-25

Sexual effects of cancer: people born with female reproductive organs

Nursing Times, 120, 3 2024

This article – the first in a two-part series exploring the sexual side-effects of cancer treatment – discusses these issues in women and people born with female reproductive organs. It highlights the need for open communication and comprehensive support, as well as varying levels of intervention depending on patients' individual needs.

Paediatric radiotherapy in the United Kingdom: an evolving subspecialty and a paradigm for integrated teamworking in oncology

British Journal of Radiology, 97, 1153, January 2024, pp. 21–30

This paper describes the current UK service model and its evolution over time, for the radiotherapy of CYP. It may be used if desired, as a template for the improvement of paediatric radiation oncology, where necessary, in other countries.

Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation: an audit of late effects on patients

Cancer Nursing practice, 14th February 2024

The audit confirms the importance of the routine holistic assessment of patients' post-HSCT needs and the provision of an individualised care plan promoting recovery. It also reinforces the importance of prehabilitation to prevent post-HSCT complications

The puppet interview to measure illness perceptions in paediatric oncology: development and psychometric properties in acute treatment and follow-up care

BMC Pediatrics (2024) 24:112 pp. 1-17

We aim to describe the development (incl. indication and contraindication) of an innovative puppet interview to assess illness perceptions in children with cancer from the age of four years. Moreover, we investigate longitudinal trajectories and examine psychometric properties.



Transforming treatments for skull base brain tumours

Clinical services Journal, February 2024

Patrick Grover provides an insight into how focal radiation treatments have transformed the management of challenging brain tumours in recent decades, providing safer options for patients.

Awareness and understanding of Lynch syndrome among patients with endometrial cancer

Cancer Nursing Practice, September 2023

This article details a cross-sectional survey that was undertaken to determine the level of awareness and understanding of Lynch syndrome among patients with endometrial cancer in the UK and to identify best practice and areas for improvement

News

BRCA testing launched for people of Jewish ancestry in England

Lancet Oncology (Article in Press)

On Feb 1, 2024, the National Health Service (NHS) in England launched a national *BRCA* gene testing programme for all adults with Jewish ancestry (ie, at least one Jewish grandparent).

HPV vaccination programme success in Scotland

Lancet Oncology (Article in Press)

A new study by Tim J Palmer (Public Health Scotland, Glasgow, UK) and colleagues has revealed that no cases of cervical cancer has been detected in Scotland in anyone who received the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine when they were 12 or 13 years. Palmer told *The Lancet Oncology* that the results indicated that Scotland was well on the way to eliminating cervical cancer in young women.

Breast cancer cost crisis: UK report estimates £3.6bn impact by 2034

https://breastcancernow.org/sites/default/files/files/the_cost_of_breast_cancer_report_final.pdf

Breast cancer will cost the NHS and the UK economy as much as £2.8bn in 2024 and will rise further unless action is taken a new report has revealed today.

National Prostate Cancer Audit (NPCA) report

[REF433 NPCA-SoN Main-report FINAL-v110124.pdf \(hqip.org.uk\)](https://www.hqip.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/1a_REF433_NPCA-SoN_Main-report_FINAL-v110124.pdf)

The National Cancer Audit Collaborating Centre (NATCAN) has published a State of the Nation report from the National Prostate Cancer Audit (NPCA) on the care received by people with prostate cancer in England and Wales from 1 January 2019 to 31 January 2023.

Bowel Cancer State of the Nation report.

https://www.hqip.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/1a_REF436_NBOCA-SoN-Rep-v20240205_FINAL.pdf

Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP); 8th February 2024.

An audit of the care received by people with bowel cancer in England and Wales focusing on people diagnosed between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022

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