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Articles

Ovarian cancer red flags: help prevent delayed diagnosis

British Journal of Nursing Vol. 33, No. 5 pp. S16-S19

This article covers how to spot these red flags, safety netting and what to do if you suspect a woman's symptoms may be ovarian cancer.

Illness trajectories of incurable solid cancers

BMJ, 384, 1st March 2024

In this article, we build on an earlier review of the typical trajectories of patients with life threatening illnesses and present revised illness trajectories for patients with incurable solid cancer. We also give an overview of important current challenges and highlight the role of supportive and palliative care in tackling these challenges.

Linked article:

Using illness trajectories to inform person centred, advance care planning

BMJ, 384, 1st March 2024

Sexual effects of cancer: men and people born with male reproductive organs

Nursing Times, 120, 4, April 2024 pp. 1-4

This article – the second in a two-part series about the sexual impacts of cancer – explores these effects on men and people born with male reproductive organs. It discusses how health professionals can approach the subject of sexual wellbeing, and support patients and their partner(s) through such issues.

How to support people with cancer treatment-induced menopause

Cancer Nursing Practice 23, 2, pp.15-17.

Some cancer treatments can induce early menopause, which can be a shock for patients. Nurses can reduce anxiety by informing, offering support and helping people to prepare

Systemic anticancer therapy service redesign

Cancer Nursing Practice, 19th March 2024

This article gives an overview of the SACT Future Service Delivery model project and describes some of the related initiatives implemented by NHS Ayrshire and Arran SACT services before the pandemic.



[Improving the pancreatic cancer care pathway](#)

Cancer Nursing Practice. 23, 2, pp.10-11

A pancreatic cancer diagnosis can be incredibly bleak. People with the condition need our help to change this

[A multidisciplinary diagnostic centre for early detection of cancer in patients with non-specific symptoms: a service evaluation](#)

British Journal of Healthcare Management Vol. 30, No. 3 pp.58-67

The multidisciplinary diagnostic centre was established in 2017 to facilitate the shortest and safest route to detecting cancer in such cases. This study aimed to evaluate the service model and work towards a business case for more widespread adoption of the multidisciplinary diagnostic centre service.

[25 year trends in cancer incidence and mortality among adults aged 35-69 years in the UK, 1993-2018: retrospective secondary analysis](#)

BMJ, 384, 13th March 2024

Objective: To examine and interpret trends in UK cancer incidence and mortality for all cancers combined and for the most common cancer sites in adults aged 35-69 years.

[Review: Caring for Pregnant Patients with Cancer: A Framework for Ethical and Patient-Centred Care](#)

Cancers, 2024, 16, 455

Cancer treatment during pregnancy can raise many difficult questions. Currently available clinical practice guidelines offer very limited ethical guidance for healthcare professionals. This article offers a theoretical framework and a practical ethics checklist for ethical and patient-centred care.

[Accuracy of sentinel lymph node biopsy in male breast cancer: Systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Breast, The, 2024-06-01, Volume 75, Article 103703

The objective of this systematic review and meta-analysis was to evaluate the SLNB accuracy in male breast cancer.

[Transforming treatments for skull base brain tumours](#)

Clinical services Journal, February 2024 pp. 37-39

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.

[Lung cancer: diagnosis and management \(Updated\)](#)

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NICE Guidance

In March 2024, we updated the systemic anti-cancer therapy treatment pathways for advanced non-small-cell lung cancer following the withdrawal of the NICE technology appraisal guidance on mobocertinib. See update information for more details.

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