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Odontologic attention on oncological practice

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: According to the World Health Organization, cancer is a public health problem, especially among developing countries, where it is expected that in the coming decades, the impact of the disease on the population will correspond to 80% of the more than 20 million cases new estimates for 2025. Despite the advances in the technologies and drugs of antineoplastic therapy, several oral repercussions can be observed. Thus, dentistry plays a fundamental role in the restoration of general health and, consequently, the quality of life of these individuals. **Objectives:** To verify the dental assistance in the oncological practice. **Methodology:** Literature review where we searched for published articles available on the internet in the database systems: Medlars on line International Literature (Medline), Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (Lilacs) and Brazilian Bibliography of Dentistry (BBO) present on the website of the Virtual Health Library (BVS). **Results and Discussion:** The literature evidences the need for oral-dental care and the inclusion of the dental surgeon in the multi and inter-transdisciplinary medical team required for good oncological practice. The literature is unanimous in indicating the need for medical intervention with the support of a multidisciplinary health team, including dental surgeon, in order to ensure adequate performance of antineoplastic therapies and specific care in the control of oral side effects and consequent general repercussions. Dentistry, for example, the prevention, treatment and control of diseases such as mucositis, xerostomia, cavities, dental infections and opportunistic mouth. Precariousness or even lack of adequate dental care may compromise oncological practice. **Conclusion:** The dentist incorporated into the oncological practice contributes to the quality of the care, favoring the integral care with attention to the oral condition and systemic repercussions.

Keywords: Dentistry; Medical Oncology; Oral Health.

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