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Danish Head and neck cancer patients' position on Precision Medicine and personalized follow-up (A questionnaire survey)

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Introduktion

The laboratory evolution has given researchers and health care professionals several options in diagnosing and treating diseases, especially in cancer. The clinical workup and treatments (and theory behind) have become more and more multifaceted and is difficult for patients to comprehend. The aim of our study was to evaluate head and neck cancer patients position on gene tests, precision medicine and personalized follow-up

Materiale/metode

The study was structured as a questionnaire survey with answers on a 7-point Likert Scale. Patients with prior head and neck cancer and in active surveillance at the institution were invited to participate.

Resultater

A total of 226 patients participated. Preliminary results suggest that patients treated for head and neck cancer were positive towards gene testing but reported little or no knowledge on the subject. The majority didn't want to change the follow-up plan they had been presented and given the opportunity, most preferred physical consultations and classic diagnostic imaging rather than new diagnostic tests such as blood- and saliva samples, given the modalities were equal in regards to their diagnostic capabilities.

Diskussion

Our study indicated that patients with prior head and neck cancers were positive towards gene test and personalized medicine but there is also a trend that patients may have difficulties understanding and defining the concept "personalized medicine" and tend to choose face-to-face follow-up. Our study also emphasizes the importance of health care professionals being aware of potential knowledge gaps and difficulties of understanding treatment options (and consequences) in patients treated for head and neck cancer.

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