



Lung Cancer & COVID 19: Lessons, Experiences, Strategies

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Cancer patients are highly vulnerable to SARS-CoV-2 infections due to several causes, including their immunocompromised state due to antineoplastic therapies, use of steroids, comorbidities and frequently advanced age, and frequent hospital visits. The clinical pictures of the infection can vary from mild flu-like conditions to severe pneumonia, which can evolve to acute respiratory alveolar damage (ARDS) and multiorgan failure. Moreover, the cytokine storm is implicated in the generation of aberrant immunological responses against the virus, which ultimately produce lung parenchymal acute and severe damage responsible for evolution to chronic fibrosis and, in worse cases, patient death. The goal of the present issue is to summarize, according to a multidisciplinary perspective, the lessons and experiences derived from the pandemic waves and to design strategies for future co-existence with SARS-CoV-2 to ensure safer and better outcomes for cancer patients.





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