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Smoking Cessation after a Cancer Diagnosis

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Achieving the best outcomes for cancer patients requires the delivery of sophisticated surgery, high-precision radiotherapy and an ever-expanding variety of systemic therapies often administered in combination. However, for each of these therapies to achieve their maximum benefit with the least possible toxicity, cancer patients who smoke will need help in quitting. Furthermore, advances in these therapies have led to a growing population of cancer survivors, including patients with metastatic disease, who would derive many non-cancer-related (e.g., cardiorespiratory) benefits if they quit smoking. There is still much to be learned about the interactions between tobacco smoke and the cancer therapies used by oncologists, particularly systemic therapies. This Special Issue will focus on what is currently known about the impact of smoking on each of the key cancer treatment modalities and underscore the need for more research on how continued smoking impacts the effectiveness of the different classes of new agents.



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