



Clinical Research in Cancer Palliative Care

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Dear Colleagues,

Advanced care planning is crucial given the prognostic uncertainty in cancer survivorship, which increasingly mirrors chronic conditions such as heart failure. Effective planning can help patients navigate the unpredictable nature of the disease, manage challenges posed by therapies and prepare for end-of-life care. Palliative care plays a pivotal role in these aspects, necessitating focused research. Evidence-based symptom management remains inadequate due to many common issues. Difficult-to-treat pain, including opioid-resistant, cancer-related neuropathic pain and pain from bone metastases, poses significant threats to patients' QoL. Research is urgently needed to develop effective treatments for these pain types, enhancing the overall PC strategy.

This Special Issue calls for contributions exploring these critical areas, aiming to advance our understanding and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families.

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