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Statistical view of malignant and suspected malignant tumors in the surgical ward of the Yaounde University Teaching Hospital (Cameroon)

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Cancer is a major public health problem in both industrialized and developing countries. The aim of the study is to present the last half decade epidemiological profile of malignant tumors or suspected of malignancy in the ward of general surgery of the University Teaching Hospital of Yaounde. We conducted a descriptive and retrospective study over a five-year period from 2010 to 2014. We included all patients hospitalized for malignancy or suspected malignancy in the general surgery ward. The prevalence of malignancies or suspected malignancies was 6.1%. The sex ratio was 1.03. The modal class was in both the sexes that of 51-60 years. The main tumors encountered were digestive tumors (41.6%), odonto-stomatological tumors (22.1%), gynecological tumors (10%), and ORL (6.9%). Among the digestive tumors, in order of frequency, colorectal tumors are the most frequent (36%), followed by gastric tumors (22%), and tumors of the pancreas head (19%). It is necessary to set up a cancer registry for better therapeutic and prognostic evaluation. The teaching of tumor pathology in our context should consider this distribution.

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