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The effects of gynecological cancer on sexual life

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Introduction: During the diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic cancers, other cancers, as well as body image problems experienced in the type of women and their families about sexuality and fertility affect the quality of life in a negative way is emerging major health problems.

Objective: The aim of this study is about sexual life changes experienced by women undergoing treatment for gynecological cancer and the change is determined to describe the impact on sexuality.

Methods: In this study, endometrial, ovarian and cervical cancer has been diagnosed with cancer and had surgery for the treatment of 20 women was conducted to determine changes on sex life. As the study was a qualitative study using the phenomenological method. Data on forms, consisting of identifying information form prepared after cancer treatment and women by researchers in the literature according to open-ended questions, questioning the changes in sexual life was filled with face to face. Then, data were coded and themes about the topic were emerged by content analysis method.

Results: Ages of cases were between 29 and 62 (mean±sd: 47.70±10.12). 10 women participated in the study over 8 endometrial and cervical cancer was 2. Sixteen cases undergone bilateral salpingo total abdominal hysterectomy and oophorectomy (TAH + BSO), 1 total abdominal hysterectomy (TAH) and 3 had undergone radical hysterectomy operations.

Conclusions: The loss of experienced women with pelvic organ cancer treatment, treatment-related sudden and enter menopause at an early age with the dilemma of experienced sexual problems makes it more intense and complex.

Biography

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