

Chemotherapy in cancer patients: The nursing role

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Purpose: The purpose of this study is to describe the role of nursing staff in patients receiving chemotherapy in the oncology hospital. Nurses have knowledge and attitudes regarding the preparation, routes of administration and side effects of medications that these patients use during chemotherapy.

Method: The study was conducted in the period April-May 2022. The data were collected through a self-administered questionnaire that was completed by patients with various cancers who underwent chemotherapy at the Oncology Hospital in Tirana.

Results: In this study participated 50 patients n=50. Their age ranged from 47 to 65 years. 90% of respondents were female and 10% were male. 25 patients had breast cancer, 15 patients had uterine cancer, 5 patients with lung cancer and 5 patients with stomach cancer. The largest number of these patients express that they feel comfortable during the service received in oncology.

Conclusion: In the results obtained from the study through patient questionnaires we conclude that 85% of patients were satisfied with the service and nursing role offered in oncology while receiving chemotherapy, answering questions that nurses had the right skills to give chemotherapy and proper education given to patients about the side effects of chemotherapy, 15% of these patients admitted that they were afraid for life and saw chemotherapy as the only alternative and were dissatisfied with life but did not comment on the role that There is nursing in this service. Also this study shows us that we need more information about chemotherapy in cancer patients to increase your self-confidence for the healing and life of these patients. The nursing role is very important for these patients because most of it spend most of their time in the hospital with the nursing staff.

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