Let's Talk

Nutrition and Oncology

When consulting your patients, keep in mind...



Patients with cancer are at particularly high risk for malnutrition, as both the disease and its treatment can impact their nutritional status



Over half of patients with cancer are malnourished or at risk of malnutrition at their first medical oncology visit³



Up to 80% of cancer patients will be malnourished during the course of the disease²



Patients who are overweight and/or obese are also at risk of becoming malnourished and should not be overlooked



10-20% of cancer patients die due to the consequences of malnutrition rather than the tumour itself¹



Timely nutrition intervention can support better treatment tolerance and improved patient outcomes⁴⁻⁸

ANY cancer patient can be at risk

EVERY cancer patient should be asked about their nutrition and screened for malnutrition risk.

Dry/sore mouth

Episodes of nausea and/or vomiting

wait

Ask about:

- Unintentional weight loss
- Loss of appetite or reduced food intake
 - Symptoms impacting on ability to eat and drink, such as:

Taste changes or difficulty swallowing

Changes in bowel habits

INITIATE EARLY INTERVENTION AS APPROPRIATE

Don't

to ask

If you are concerned about your patient's nutrition, or consider initiating early nutrition intervention as appropriate.



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