

Radiation Therapy in Elderly Patients

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Cancer is a disease that predominantly occurs in older patients. Radiotherapy is one of the most powerful treatment against cancer. To define an adapted strategy and to offer a better quality of life to the elderly constitute the challenges of the oncology of this beginning of century.

Objective

The purpose of this study is to report clinical aspects, patients and tumor's characteristics, radiation therapy methods and treatment results of elderly patients.

Patients and methods

Retrospective analysis carried on 100 patients aged to 75 years or more and treated by irradiation in National Institute of Rabat in 2006.

Results

underway

Conclusion

Radiation therapy is a major therapeutic weapon in the treatment of the cancer. The elderly patients have to benefit from it. A geriatric evaluation and an adaptation of its modalities remain necessary and the integration of oncogeriatrician in the multidisciplinary decision is indispensable.