

Call for Papers

Special Issue: Cancer Cachexia

Background

Cancer anorexia-cachexia syndrome (CACS) is prevalent in upwards of 80% of those living with advanced malignancy. These patients experience a combination of anorexia, cachexia, asthenia and chronic nausea. A significant body of biomedical literature exists examining the underlying pathophysiology, and pharmacological management of CACS. While important, a fulsome understanding of cancer cachexia also requires exploration and understanding of the impact it has on the social, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and quality-of-life domains of patient and family experience. It also requires an appreciation of the role that nurses, and other allied health professionals play in the care of patients and families experiencing CACS.

Aim

The primary aim of this special journal issue is to provide a forum for discussion and exchange about the psychosocial impacts of cancer-anorexia cachexia syndrome, and the importance of multi-disciplinary input into developing plans of care. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

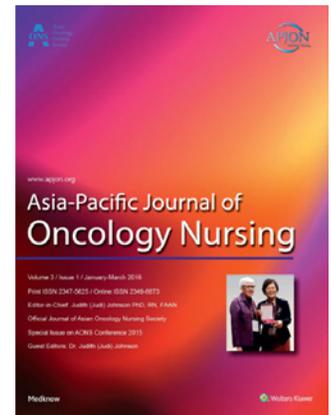
- The psychological impacts of cachexia on the patient and family
- The influence of culture on the experience of cancer cachexia
- The assessment of nutritional status, caloric intake, and appetite of patients with advanced cancer
- Issues related to changes in body image due to involuntary weight loss
- Approaches to communicating with families about the management of cachexia
- The role of allied health professionals in developing the plan of care for patients with cachexia
- The development and testing of educational and psychosocial interventions in caring for patients with cachexia and their families

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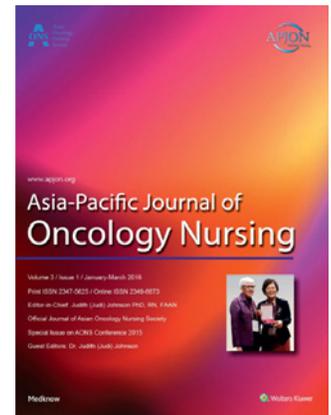
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Dr. McClement's research focus within the area of psychosocial oncology and palliative care is concerned the issue nutrition and end of life care. She conducts investigations examining cancer anorexia-cachexia and the impact this prevalent symptom holds for terminally ill patients and their families. Within this program of research (which is conducted as part of her work done in conjunction with the Cancer Cachexia New Emerging Team Grant funded by the CIHR and headed by Dr. Vicki Baracos), are studies examining issues of involuntary weight loss due to cachexia and its impact on body image from the perspective of terminally ill cancer patients and their family members, and the experience of being reliant on tube-feeding for individuals with head and neck tumors experiencing dysphagia.

Dr. McClement is also interested in the area of ethics in palliative care and has begun to undertake studies examining "experiences of the ethical" as reported by health care aides who provide care to dying seniors in personal care home settings.



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