EVALUATION OF PATIENTS' NEEDS REGARDING INFORMATION ON ANTICANCER TREATMENTS DELIVERED TO OUR HEALTH INSTITUTION AS PART OF A THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION PROJECT

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Therapeutic education of patients is an essential pillar in the cancer control strategy, which in our country is the second leading cause of death. This study allowed establishing an inventory preparative phase to the development of an educational approach, the first of its kind in our institution.

The aim of the study was to evaluate the knowledge of patients treated with anti-cancer and their information needs in our institution.

METHODS AND STUDY DESIGN

Prospective observational study, conducted in pharmacy pole of our hospital from 1 February to March 23, 2016, a population of 132 cancer patients in the delivery of anti-cancer using a questionnaire of 45 questions organized around nine items.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Main Outcome:
- Participation rate of 96.9%
- Mean age 55 (± 11.32) years
- Sex ratio 0.61 (male / female)

100% of patients wish to receive an information about their treatment

Patients Information needs %

Knowledge of the treatment cycle 75%
Information need on the disease 93.9%
Knowledge of used medicines 28.2%
Therapeutic compliance 90.2%
Declaration of Adverse Effects 88%
Self-medication 83.6%
Phytotherapy (Euphorbia officinalis++) 20.3%

77.3% of the patients interviewed considered that the ideal situation to receive information would be a discussion with the medical team associated with information Brochures and group lessons.

CONCLUSIONS

Following this study, a therapeutic education unit was set up to compensate for the increasing need for information expressed by patients. Currently, the goal is to re-evaluate those needs after the establishment of this cell.

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