CHRONICAL PAIN IN CANCER PATIENTS

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ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Patients with cancer have pain that can be caused by various reasons. Sometimes it takes quite a while to discover the exact cause of the pain. **Purposes:** Every fifth man who survived cancer faces chronic pain. Pain may be present and take several weeks or months before you see the tumor x-ray. The patient may complain of pain long before the discovery of the cancer. **Material and Methods:** We need to make a number of diagnostic tests, tests or biopsies. Each patient's case for themselves and for the discovery of cancer, and the reasons for the pain, apply different diagnostic tests depending on the localization, type and stage of cancer.**Results and discussion**: More than 40% of people who survive cancer face pain, and the risk is greatest among womens.The studyes involved over 150 people who have survived cancer. In 43% of respondents felt mild pain after diagnosis, 20% suffered from chronic pain for at least two years after the diagnosis of cancer.The most common source of pain for those with white skin was the surgery to remove the cancer (for which they suffered 53.8% of respondents), and pain caused by treatment was higher in those with dark skin color (46.2%). Women had more attacks pain, had more depression caused by pain and were so moving as men. The pain occurs in 30% of all patients with cancer, regardless of stage of disease. But only 90% of patients with advanced cancer have severe pain that requires use of appropriate analgesic therapy. Only 50% of patients with cancer pain can be treated sufficiently to relieve the pain. The pain increases when cancer progresses and when its local growth affects surrounding tissues and organs or distant metastases when given.Cancer pain can occur in different parts of the body. Patients with malignant disease can also have many different types of pain. One study indicated that more than 80% of patients have two different pain, and more than 30% have three different pain. **Conclusion:** The pain can be due to: damage to the blood vessels of the tumor, leading to weaker and impaired circulation, bone fractures due to bone metastases present, infection and inflammation as a result of the treatment of cancer (the chemotherapy, radiotherapy) because pressing the nerves by the tumor, psychological and emotional problems. **Key words:** cancer, chronic pain, cancer.