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Experience of cancer nursing in Tanzania

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Oncology nursing has not given priority in Tanzania. This has led to inadequate care to cancer patients admitted in the hospitals from primary level. Lack of knowledge and skills can result in misunderstanding between nurses and relatives who need more information on patient progress. Currently, there is no nurse who has specialization in oncology nursing; there is no undergraduate and postgraduate course in oncology in East Africa; and moreover, there is limited fund for sponsorship. Nurses need to have basic knowledge of cancer disease, treatment and supportive care so as to improve quality of care. Oncology nursing is crucial in cancer centers or any hospital which provide cancer treatment, so as to improve care to patients. Nurses spend most of the time with patients; therefore, we need to equip them with knowledge and skills in oncology nursing. International collaboration of nurses is vital to build capacity in cancer care.

Conclusion and Recommendation

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