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THE MANAGEMENT OF DEPRESSION IN ONCOLOGY: STATE OF PLAY

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Introduction: Many authors insist on the psychiatric accompaniment of patients in oncology. Today in developed countries, the role of psychiatrists has become a necessity in the context of a multidisciplinary working (psychiatrists, oncologists, radiotherapists ...)
The work of psychiatrists became necessary because of the prevalence of cancer and because of the development of therapeutic methods and specificity of the disease itself.
The objective of this work: The authors of this work focus on the current state of accompaniment and the role of psychiatrists in the care of patients regarding the structures of Oncology Nursing.

Materials and methods: The study was conducted at the National Institute of Oncology (INO)

People interviewed: 50 doctors practicing in the INO.

Information was collected prospectively from a self-administered questionnaire completed by physicians

Results:

40% of psychiatric manifestations appear after the diagnosis of cancer, 61% of oncologists reassure patients considering the symptoms as normal, 11.1% prescribe psychotropic especially anxiolytics.

Conclusion: The specificity of cancer requires the presence of psychiatrists in the service of cancerology