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PSYCHIATRIC CLAWS - MENTAL ILLNESS IN AN ONCOLOGICAL POPULATION

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**Objectives:** Evaluate a population of individuals with cancer referred to a first psychiatric appointment.

**Methods:** Descriptive and correlation analysis of first assessments of patients during three months.

**Results:** A significant amount of patients were referred due to prior psychiatric pathology and for being under psychopharmacotherapy. Requests demanding an evaluation under the new disease status were fewer than it would have been expected in this population. Most patients were sent with objective symptoms or high cancer stages. The most frequent diagnosis was adjustment disorder with anxiety or depression, and also depressive disorder.

**Conclusions:** Distress levels in oncological patients demand a focused approach towards the psychological well-being.