

Special Issue

Research Challenges in Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer

Message from the Guest Editors

Adolescents and young adults (AYAs) aged 15–39 years with cancer require specific attention due to their unique range of cancers, as well as their distinct biological, psychosocial, and developmental characteristics. Despite ongoing improvements in outcomes broadly for AYAs as a group, progress in survival rates for specific cancer subtypes has been limited. Even in cancers with high survival rates, the long-term physical and psychological impact of curative treatments can be considerable. Internationally, AYAs are under-represented in research, a concern identified over 30 years ago. This remains a significant challenge that hinders improvements in survival and psychosocial outcomes. Given the increasing incidence of cancer in this cohort, strategies to improve access to research and, consequently, outcomes are urgently required. This Special Issue aims to provide a comprehensive overview of current challenges and propose evidence-based solutions to recruitment and retention to research facilitating more effective and inclusive cancer studies for AYAs.

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