

Special Issue

New Developments in Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology

Message from the Guest Editors

Adolescent and young adult (AYA) oncology focuses on the unique medical and psychosocial needs of patients aged 15–39 who are diagnosed with cancer. This population faces distinct challenges, including delayed diagnoses, limited access to age-appropriate care, and interruptions in education or career development. They also encounter barriers to clinical trial enrollment, impacting advancements in targeted therapies for this demographic. Survivorship care is critical for AYAs due to their increased risk of late effects, secondary malignancies, and mental health issues.

Multidisciplinary care teams, including oncologists, mental health professionals, and fertility specialists, are essential to address the complex needs of AYA patients. Advocacy efforts and specialized programs aim to improve AYA cancer outcomes by promoting research, awareness, and policy changes. Future research must continue to explore innovative therapies, survivorship strategies, and personalized care approaches for this vulnerable and often underserved group. This Special Issue will focus on all new developments in AYA oncology.

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