

Special Issue

Research on Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Message from the Guest Editors

Anal canal and peri-anal squamous cell carcinomas (ASCC) are relatively rare cancers which affect approximately 8000 patients per year in the United States. The rate appears to be rising, which is potentially attributable to the increasing incidence of oncogenic human papilloma virus (HPV) infection. Historically, patients were treated with abdominoperineal resection with resulting permanent colostomy dependence. Through landmark efforts and sequentially designed clinical trials, the majority of patients with localized disease are now effectively treated with radiotherapy and chemotherapy, or in select cases, sphincter-preserving surgery, with favorable outcomes. However, continued efforts are needed to gain a better understanding of ASCC disease biology and to continue improving cancer control while maximizing the quality of life for patients. The purpose of this Special Issue is to discuss the historical perspectives of surgery, radiotherapy, and systemic therapy, the evolution of therapy over time, and current areas of investigation to advance our understanding of the multidisciplinary management of patients with ASCC.

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