



Cancer and Inflammation in the Gastrointestinal Tract

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Inflammatory and malignant diseases of the GI tract are becoming the leading causes of morbidity, death and disability worldwide. In last few decades, progress has been achieved regarding their pathogenesis and management. Nevertheless, treatment results remain unsatisfactory.

Inflammatory reactions can stimulate antitumor immune responses, but also have the capacity to promote tumor development. Data have shown that many of the processes involved in inflammation, such as leucocyte migration, local vascular dilation and enhanced permeability and angiogenesis, may contribute to tumor growth, progression and metastasis.

The current pandemic, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), has severely impacted human society, causing, in addition to respiratory tract diseases, diseases associated with the digestive tract. Patients with COVID-19 experienced an increase in the number and severity of GI symptoms. It also had a significant impact on patients with chronic digestive tract pathologies.

Therefore, studies on GI inflammation and carcinogenesis are necessary to promote global health and well-being.





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