

Special Issue

Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAs) with Cancer

Message from the Guest Editor

Adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients are recognized as a distinct population within the oncology community due to the unique challenges they encounter, including recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of their disease. AYAs present with a unique spectrum of cancers: either with a pediatric malignancy, with a tumor of AYA age, or with an adult tumor. About 80% of AYAs with cancer will achieve long-term cure. While cancer outcomes for children and older adults have continued to improve over the last few decades, the AYA group has lagged behind. Among the many issues identified for the lack of improvement is the exceedingly low participation rate in clinical trials. Many other factors contribute to the poorer outcome of AYA oncology patients, including differences in host and disease biology, lack of insight into risk factors, delayed diagnosis, different treatment regimens, poor compliance with and poor adherence to therapy, and unique psychosocial and economic issues related to their age at cancer diagnosis.

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