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Modern Radiotherapy: From Palliation to Cure

Message from the Guest Editor

Until the 2000s, radiation therapy was mainly used for symptom relief or adjuvant purposes before and after surgery. Of course, symptom relief or minimizing recurrence via multidisciplinary approach are important goals of radiation therapy. With the help of new developments around radiotherapy technology, it has become feasible to irradiate tumors with ablative high doses without overwhelming serious toxicities. The latest stereotactic radiotherapy techniques are used for curative purposes in various cancers, such as liver cancer, lung cancer, and prostate cancer. Furthermore, stereotactic radiotherapy is an effective and non-invasive local modality that can improve the oncological prognosis for oligometastatic disease, which involves ≤ 3 or 5 metastatic lesions. The introduction of precise radiosurgery techniques or particle therapy has enabled effective therapeutic intervention for recurrent cancer as well. In this Special Issue, we will discuss the role of radiation therapy as a palliative modality or multidisciplinary component, as well as a novel curative option or salvage modality for oligometastasis or recurrent cancer.

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