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Nutritional Assessment of Palliative Patients with Intestinal Failure

Message from the Guest Editor

Malnutrition has a high prevalence in cancer patients as well as patients with benign disease entering palliative management care paths. Malnutrition has a close relationship with mortality, morbidity and treatment-related problems and also quality of life. Improving the nutritional status of these patients is a major challenge for healthcare professionals. Generally, the treatment of patients with benign and malignant diseases depends on the stage the disease is in and can be curative or palliative. In both situations malnutrition can negatively affect patients, their therapy, their outcome and their quality of life. Therefore, nutritional status assessment is essential for the diagnosis of malnutrition and the multidisciplinary management required. For this special issue, we welcome studies that use, evaluate, or critically discuss traditional and/or novel approaches to nutritional assessment related to the prevention and treatment of malnutrition in patients with palliative malignancies and intestinal failure or patients who have benign disease but being palliatively managed.

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