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Advances in Supportive Care in Cancer during Pandemics and Natural Disasters: COVID-19 and Beyond

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Natural disasters are becoming more frequent and severe, placing additional strains on supportive care services among cancer patients. Although supportive and palliative care are considered essential components of disaster planning and response, there are gaps in understandings about their real-life applications.

Cancer care has been profoundly impacted by the global pandemic of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 disease (coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)), resulting in unprecedented challenges. Both supportive and palliative care are essential components of cancer treatment, which seek to prevent and manage chemotherapy complications, such as febrile neutropenia, anaemia, thrombocytopenia/bleeding, thromboembolic events and nausea/vomiting, all of which are common causes of hospitalisation. These adverse events are an consideration essential under routine management, but particularly so during a pandemic—a setting in which clinicians aim to minimise patients' risk of infection and need for hospital visits.







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