

Quality of life in women with cervical cancer

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Abstract

Background: Cervical cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in developing countries. Cervical cancer is becoming one of the emerging health burdens for women hood. Quality of life (QOL) is one of the health outcomes that enable healthcare providers to better address the ongoing concerns of women with cervical cancer .

Objective: This exploratory study aimed to assess the Quality of Life among women with cervical cancer .

Methods: A cross-sectional descriptive study using purposive sampling recruited n=120 women diagnosed with cervical cancer .Using the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Quality of Life Questionnaire–core 30 (QLQ–C30) their Quality of Life was assessed.

Results: The mean age was 50.59 ± 4.19 years. Majority 92.2% were multiparous. A vast majority of them had poor QOL in all domains. Physical functions were affected in (96.9%), role functions in (95.7%), cognitive in (94.5%), emotional in (93.8%), and financial in (92.2%). Sexual domain was affected in (91.1%) of the patients. A significant difference observed between the sociodemographic variables and the health quality of life scores in all domains at ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusion: Severe disruptions in QOL domains occur in patients with a cervical cancer. A special care should be provided by the health care providers to improve the QOL.

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