



ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS, INCLUDING SJS, TEN

DERMATOLOGICAL ALGORITHM OF PATIENT DURING ONCOTHERAPY

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Background: In recent years, the anachronistic concept of cancer patient, according to which patients should cohabit with side effects of oncological therapy, has been surpassed and the scientific community is performing numerous efforts to promote a new vision of the cancer patient as central. For this reason, personalized therapies and a multidisciplinary approach are a fundamental target in the management of these patients, to limit the toxicity of oncological therapies. In this context, a dermatologist specialized in cancer supportive care plays a key role to prevent and to treat cutaneous side effects.

Observation: The first dermatological examination should be performed before the beginning of oncological therapies and it shouldn't be subsequent to it. In fact, this preventive evaluation ensures a better effectiveness of treatment and a more target-specific preventive management, to limit the appearance of cutaneous collateral effects. This preventive approach should be maintained for the all duration of treatment, modulating it periodically, based on individual response of each patient. At appearance of cutaneous side effects, they should be treated with an adequate approach to maintain patient's quality of life, to improve compliance to therapy and to avoid discontinuation of it. Whereas at the end of oncological treatments, an adequate dermatological re-evaluation is important for the restoration of skin and appendages and for treatment of possible outcomes.

Key message: In order to perform a correct dermatological management of cutaneous toxicities, an accurate specialized evaluation of cancer patient is essential.

