

Quality of life among women with cervical cancer

Abstract:

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Cervical cancer is one of the most widespread gynecological malignancies in women worldwide. After diagnosis, the quality of life of women is highly affected, due to the emergence of physical, psychological and social effects which lead to changes in attitudes and expectations towards life. **Aim:** The aim of this study was to assess quality of life among women with cervical cancer. **Design:** descriptive study was used to conduct this study. **Setting:** The study was conducted in outpatient clinics of Eldemardash obstetric hospital and outpatient clinics of National Cancer Institution in Cairo. **Sample:** A convenient sample of ninety two women with cervical cancer was selected. **Tools:** consist of two tools, first tool divided into three parts, part one structured interviewing questionnaire to assess socio-demographic data and past history for women with cervical cancer, part two to assess knowledge of women with cervical cancer about disease, and part three to assess practices of women with cervical cancer, second tool standard quality of Life tool modified by investigator to assess quality of life for women with cervical cancer. **Results:** the mean age of women with cervical cancer is 48.7 ± 3.1 years, there was 15.2% of women had good knowledge about disease, 54.3% had good practices regarding disease and no one had high quality of life. **Conclusion:** there is significance relationship between knowledge of studied women with cervical cancer and their quality of life; there is significance relationship between practices of studied women with cervical cancer and their quality of life. **Recommendations:** Increase awareness of community about cervical cancer through efforts by out-patient clinics to promote cervical cancer screening among women, focus on age for first screening and encouraging a belief that regular screening can detect the pre-cancerous stage, further research about awareness of women about stages of disease and its effect on quality of life.