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Tooth abnormalities and their age dependent occurrence in leukemia survivors

Abstract: The multidrug nature of anticancer treatment and different treatment protocols used in the studies are likely to be a major limitation in establishment of real risk factors determining the occurrence of dental abnormalities. The authors aimed to establish a relationship between the duration and the dose of chemotherapy, and the number of tooth adverse effects in 7 leukemia survivors receiving the treatment according to ALL IC-BFM 2002 protocol. As a result of clinical and radiological examination the dental abnormalities were identified and the medical records of all survivors were reviewed in terms of drugs administered, their doses and treatment schedules. No correlation was observed between treatment duration of an intensive therapy, the entire therapy and the number of tooth abnormalities. No relationship was also found between the number of dental abnormalities and the cumulative dose of vincristine, L-asparaginase, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide, cytarabine and 6-mercaptopurine. The age at the onset of the antineoplastic therapy is likely to be the strongest risk factor for the toxic injury during tooth development.

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