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Definition

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Description

The field of oncology includes all aspects of the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, from beginning to end. A physician who specializes in the treatment of medicine is called an oncologist. The field of oncology has become prominent because a person does not have any symptoms, but is in a group of high risk for developing cancer; an oncologist may perform screening tests. People at risk may have a family history of cancer, smoke, have been exposed to certain chemicals, or show raised levels of certain hormones. Screening tests can include Pap tests, mammograms, x-rays, blood work, and physical examinations. If a person has any symptoms that are common in cancer patients, oncologists perform diagnostic tests to check for cancer. This can be done through various methods including a biopsy, endoscopy, x-rays, or blood tests. Once cancer is detected, an oncologist develops a treatment plan for the patient.
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Medication, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and surgery are all treatments for cancer. The treatment chosen depends on the patient's personal situation and the type and stage of cancer. Oncologists stay involved with patient care even after the patient enters remission. Follow-ups include medical checkups and additional screening tests. Oncologists also work with terminal cancer patients. Through medications and therapies, oncologists try to reduce a patient's pain and suffering. When a patient is diagnosed with cancer, a team of physicians and oncologists is involved in caring for the patient. This team usually includes oncologists who specialize in one specific type of cancer or cancer treatment.
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