Risk Prediction Tools for Gynaecological Cancer in Primary Care

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Message from the Guest Editor

Early diagnosis of symptomatic gynaecological cancer is likely to improve patient outcomes, including survival. The primary care practitioner has a key role to play in this; they must recognize the symptoms and signs of gynaecological cancer and make prompt evidence-based decisions regarding further investigation and referral. However, this is often difficult as many of the symptoms of gynaecological cancers are nonspecific and are more likely to be caused by benign rather than malignant disease. Despite these challenges, research has improved our understanding of the symptoms patients present to primary care with, and a range of tests and prediction tools now exist to aid early diagnosis. Primary care practitioners can also play a key role in gynaecological cancer prevention. A significant proportion of gynaecological cancer is preventable either through lifestyle changes such as weight loss, or, for cervical cancer, vaccination and/or engagement with screening programs.

In this Special Issue, we concentrate on gynaecological cancer and focus on the three most common forms that a primary care practitioner is likely to encounter: ovarian, endometrial, and cervical cancer.

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