

Department Seminars

Evaluating Survival When Age and Background Mortality Are An Issue: Examples from Merkel cell carcinoma and HCT



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Abstract:

Age and mortality rates are intrinsically linked. Although this linkage can often be ignored, particularly in the clinical trial setting, two recent collaborations illustrated settings where it could not. In one setting, the survival of a large cohort of patients diagnosed with Merkel cell carcinoma was evaluated in the context of a staging system. The median age at diagnosis of these patients was 76 years. In another setting, the interest was in evaluating the long-term outcome of survivors of hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) who had been 'cured' of underlying disease. The follow-up of these patients exceeded 30 years.

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