Dentists and members of dental teams play a crucial role in the management of oncology patients. This presentation will focus on identification and treatment/prevention of common oral complications of cancer therapy with a focus on complications of chemotherapy and hematopoietic cell transplantation including oral mucositis, oral infections, salivary gland dysfunction, medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw, and emerging complications of immunotherapies.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

• Identify and characterize common oral complications of cancer therapy
• Design a plan to prevent, mitigate, and/or therapeutically manage oral complications in oncology
• Determine when to treat and when to refer patients experiencing oral complications in cancer therapy

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