



Uterine Chronicles: from Risk Assessment to Treatment Strategies in Endometrial Cancer

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Abstract

Endometrial cancer is a prevalent malignancy affecting women worldwide, with increasing incidence rates and a diverse clinical spectrum. This review examines the continuum from risk assessment to treatment strategies in endometrial cancer. We explore the identification of risk factors, early detection methods, and evolving therapeutic approaches. Understanding the molecular landscape and implementing personalized medicine are central themes. Surgical innovations, adjuvant therapies, and clinical trials play crucial roles in optimizing patient outcomes. Through multidisciplinary collaboration and innovative research, strides are made toward improving the management and prognosis of endometrial cancer.

Introduction

Endometrial cancer, the most common gynecologic malignancy in developed countries, presents a multifaceted clinical landscape that encompasses risk assessment, diagnosis, and treatment strategies. As the incidence of endometrial cancer continues to rise globally, understanding its risk factors, early detection methods, and evolving treatment modalities becomes paramount [1]. In this narrative, we embark on a journey through the uterine chronicles, exploring the intricacies of endometrial cancer from risk assessment to innovative treatment strategies.

Risk assessment and epidemiology

Endometrial cancer is often associated with specific risk factors, including obesity, hormone replacement therapy, nulliparity, early menarche, late menopause, and Lynch syndrome. Understanding these risk factors allows for targeted screening and early detection efforts among high-risk populations. Epidemiological studies provide valuable insights into the prevalence and distribution of endometrial cancer, facilitating preventive measures and public health interventions [2].

Early detection and diagnostic modalities

Early detection of endometrial cancer significantly impacts prognosis and treatment outcomes. Transvaginal ultrasound, endometrial biopsy, and imaging studies play pivotal roles in the diagnosis and staging of endometrial cancer. Advances in imaging technologies, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron emission tomography-computed tomography (PET-CT), offer enhanced accuracy in tumor localization and disease evaluation.

Molecular profiling and personalized medicine

Molecular profiling of endometrial cancer has revolutionized treatment paradigms, enabling personalized therapeutic approaches tailored to individual tumor characteristics. Classification systems such as the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) have identified distinct molecular subtypes of endometrial cancer, guiding targeted therapies and immunotherapeutic interventions. Biomarker analysis, including estrogen receptor (ER), progesterone receptor (PR), and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), informs treatment decisions and prognostic assessments [3].

Surgical innovations and minimally invasive techniques

Surgical management remains the cornerstone of treatment

for early-stage endometrial cancer. Minimally invasive techniques, including laparoscopy and robotic-assisted surgery, offer advantages such as reduced postoperative pain, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery times compared to traditional open procedures. Sentinel lymph node mapping enhances the accuracy of lymphadenectomy, minimizing surgical morbidity while ensuring optimal staging.

Adjuvant therapies and clinical trials

Adjuvant therapies, including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and hormonal therapy, play critical roles in the management of advanced or high-risk endometrial cancer [4-6]. Targeted agents such as tyrosine kinase inhibitors and immune checkpoint inhibitors demonstrate promising results in clinical trials, offering new avenues for treatment in recurrent or metastatic disease settings. Participation in clinical trials fosters innovation and drives advancements in endometrial cancer research and care.

Conclusion

The uterine chronicles of endometrial cancer underscore the importance of comprehensive risk assessment, early detection, and multidisciplinary treatment strategies in optimizing patient outcomes. From molecular profiling to personalized medicine, surgical innovations to adjuvant therapies, the landscape of endometrial cancer continues to evolve, offering hope for improved survival and quality of life for individuals affected by this disease. Through collaborative research efforts and innovative approaches, we strive to rewrite the narrative of endometrial cancer, transforming it into a story of resilience, progress, and ultimately, triumph. Endometrial cancer management encompasses a continuum from risk assessment

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to treatment strategies, emphasizing personalized approaches and multidisciplinary collaboration. Early detection, molecular profiling, and surgical innovations drive improvements in patient outcomes and quality of life. Adjuvant therapies and clinical trials offer promising avenues for patients with advanced or recurrent disease [7]. As research continues to evolve, the landscape of endometrial cancer is transformed, offering hope for enhanced survival and well-being for individuals affected by this malignancy. Continued efforts in research, education, and patient care are essential to furthering progress in endometrial cancer management and prognosis.

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