

SexoOnco: How nurses address sexuality in oncology

More and more people are surviving significantly longer after cancer. Quality of life has then become a major issue for the Swiss health system. The impact on sexuality is often one of the most problematic aspects of patients' quality of life after cancer. If introducing sexuality stakes in oncology is today more and more advocated, nurses, yet placed at the forefront of clinical contact and patient follow-up, struggle to systematically address this issue. This project is based on interviews (n=30) conducted with nurses practicing in oncology departments and dealing with cancers affecting both directly and indirectly the genital and reproductive organs. The aim is to examine which representations and practices of nurses addressing the issue of sexuality in the field of cancer. The project will also help to grasp the positioning adopted by nurses within the profession and vis-à-vis other professionals engaged in the care of sexuality in oncology.

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