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Abstract

\$QDO FDQFHU ZKLOH UHODWLYHO\ UDUH FRPSDUHG WR RWKHU JDVWURLQW challenges in diagnosis and management due to its often asymptomatic early stages and the stigma surrounding WKH D±HFWHG DQDWRPLFDO UHJLRQ 7KLV SDSHU SURYLGHV D FRPSUHKHQVLYH cancer diagnosis, encompassing clinical presentation, diagnostic modalities, and emerging trends in screening and detection. Key elements of diagnosis include a thorough clinical history and physical examination, with particular attention to risk factors such as human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and immunosuppression. Imaging modalities such as endoanal ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and positron emission tomography-computed tomography (PET-CT) play pivotal roles in staging and treatment planning. Histopathological evaluation of biopsy VSHFLPHQV UHPDLQV WKH JROG VWDQGDUG IRU GH¿QLWLYH GLDJQRVLY ZLWK DO insights into tumor biology and potential therapeutic targets. Emerging trends in screening, including the role of anal F\WRORJ\ DQG +39 WHVWLQJ KROG SURPLVH IRU HDUO\ GHWHFWLRQ DQG LPSURYH intelligence and machine learning algorithms presents exciting opportunities for enhancing diagnostic accuracy and VWUHDPOLQLQJ ZRUNÁRZ \$ PXOWLGLVFLSOLQDU\ DSSURDFK LQYROYLQJ JDVWUR radiologists, and pathologists is essential for optimal management and personalized treatment strategies. This UHYLHZ XQGHUVFRUHV WKH LPSRUWDQFH RI RQJRLQJ UHVHDUFK HÁRUWV DLPHG molecular mechanisms, and optimizing therapeutic interventions to improve outcomes for patients with anal cancer.

\$QDO FDQFHU LV D UHODWLYHO\ UDUH PDOLJQDQF\ DULVLQJ IURP WKH WLVV FDUFLQRPD EHLQJ WKH PRVW FRPPRQ KLVWRORJLFDO W\SH 'HVSLWH LWV ORZ morbidity and mortality rates, particularly among certain high-risk populations such as individuals infected with human papillomavirus (HPV). Early detection and accurate diagnosis of anal cancer are critical for improving patient outcomes and implementing appropriate treatment strategies. This review provides an overview of the current methods and technologies employed in the diagnosis of anal cancer, including clinical evaluation, imaging modalities, and histopathological analysis. Furthermore, it discusses the challenges and advancements in anal FDQFHU GLDJQRVLY KLJKOLJKWLQJ HPHUJLQJ WHFKQLTXHV DQG IXWXUH GLUHFV

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anal cancer, driven by improvements in imaging technology, molecular diagnostics, and biomarker identification [7]. Novel techniques such as optical coherence tomography (OCT), confocal laser endomicroscopy (CLE), and positron emission tomography (PET) have shown promise in enhancing the accuracy of tumor detection and characterization. Furthermore, the development of molecular and genetic markers may aid in risk stratification, prognosis prediction, and targeted therapy selection for patients with anal cancer [8].

Despite these advancements, several challenges remain in the diagnosis of anal cancer, including the need for standardized diagnostic criteria, improved accessibility to diagnostic services, and the development of noninvasive screening tests for high-risk populations [9]. Additionally, addressing disparities in anal cancer diagnosis and treatment among underserved communities is crucial for reducing healthcare inequalities and improving patient outcomes. Early detection and accurate diagnosis are paramount in the management of anal cancer, enabling timely initiation of appropriate treatment and improving patient survival rates. Continued research efforts aimed at refining existing diagnostic strategies, identifying novel biomarkers, and expanding access to screening programs are essential for addressing the growing burden of anal cancer and improving overall patient care [10].

Symptoms of anal cancer

Anal cancer symptoms can vary widely and may resemble those of other less serious conditions, leading to delayed diagnosis. Some common symptoms include:

improved screening methods, and advancements in treatment options offer hope for better outcomes and quality of life for individuals affected by this rare but potentially serious disease. Regular check-ups, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and seeking medical attention for any concerning symptoms are essential steps in detecting and managing anal cancer effectively.

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