Feature

Association of Age and Symptom Burden in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer

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Patients with head and neck cancer experience significant treatment-related symptoms. Aging may predispose older patients to greater risk. We examined the association of age with symptom burden. Older patients may experience more symptom burden with swallowing, voice/speech, and nutrition. Nurses need to be especially aware of and monitor for these problems.

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In 2007, a tracheostomy nurse practitioner role was created to facilitate the percutaneous tracheostomy service that was established in 2005 at an urban academic tertiary care facility. The purpose of the tracheostomy nurse practitioner’s role was to provide comprehensive care to tracheostomy patients.

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Communicating With Head and Neck Cancer Patients
Head and neck cancer comprises only 3 to 5% of all the cancers in the United States. The disease causes major changes in the appearance and functional ability of patients. This article explores how caregivers communicate with head and neck cancer patients who have impaired communication abilities from the disease and from treatment.
The University Of California Davis Nursing Experience
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It is a privilege and honor to be able to tell the story of nursing’s role in the second documented laryngeal transplant which was completed on October 16, 2010 at The University of California, Davis Health System Sacramento, California. This article is a tribute to an extraordinary team of physicians and nurses who provided their expertise and contributed to a successful outcome.

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