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IMPACT OF ONCOLOGISTS' PERSPECTIVES ON PSYCHOSOCIAL COMMUNICATION

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ABSTRACT

The emotional toll of treating cancer patients has been documented, and many oncologists report developing coping mechanisms as a result. Some oncologists deal with this by maintaining a pleasant attitude and refraining from asking issues that might cause patients grief during consultations. Preventing people from expressing their pain is another option. Multiple treatments have been created and tested because of the recognized need to improve communication between patients and doctors providing cancer care. Both physician and patient behaviour, or both simultaneously, have been targeted by interventions. Training doctors in better communication or enforcing stricter rules are two common examples of traditional treatments used to influence medical behaviour. The adoption of prompt sheets or the distributions of audio recordings of the consultation are two examples of interventions having the potential to influence and empower patients. Patient-Reported Outcomes Measures (PROMs) are a form of intervention that can have an effect on both the patient and the doctor.