



CANCER IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Current Research Aspects

At the crossroad of oncology and intellectual disability emerges the field of the study of cancer among persons with intellectual disability. The resonant theme in this book is that care of cancer patients with intellectual disability is a difficult task and a serious challenge. Medical teams require expertise in two specialities, oncology and intellectual disability, as well as a solid background in medical genetics. From one point of view, it is a sub-speciality which narrows the focus on cancer to a subgroup of patients. From another point of view, it is clear that optimal care - from prevention, to diagnosis, to treatment and to long term follow up - requires medical teams to consider a multitude of factors and to broaden their knowledge. The care of persons with intellectual disabilities and cancer is a double speciality which offers large new horizons.

We hope this book with contributions from leading international experts will help oncological teams and carers in their everyday work coping with cancer in persons with intellectual disability.

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