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<u>Suggested modifications in oncology/hematology inpatient service during COVID-19 pandemic</u>

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Background: Management of cancer patients in the current era of <u>coronavirus disease-2019</u> (COVID-19) pandemic poses significant challenges on health-care systems. However, it is mandatory to keep the required level of care of cancer patients while taking the necessary precautions to maintain the safety of both patients and Health-Care Professionals (HCPs). This survey explores suggested modifications of inpatient oncology/ hematology care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Materials and Methods: A web-based questionnaire using Survey Monkey was distributed to HCPs taking care of inpatient hematology/oncology service including <u>oncologists</u>, hematologists, and inpatient nurses in Saudi Arabia. The 25 items selected for the survey focused on five domains:

- 1. Characteristics of HCPs
- 2. COVID-19 infection risk among admitted patients
- 3. Possible modifications related to physicians practice
- 4. Possible modifications related to nursing practice
- 5. Suggested infection control measures

Results: Of 215 HCPs, 195 responded and completed the survey.

The supported modifications by participants

- A. Use of oral medications (83.5%)
- B. Phone calls to admitted stable patients by physicians, instead of physical interview (77%)
- C. Decreasing frequency of vital signs assessment in stable patients (91%)
- D. Decreasing the duration of stay in patients rooms (89%)

Conclusion: Several modifications in inpatient <u>oncology/hematology practice</u> were supported by the survey participants. These suggestions need to be discussed on local basis considering local infrastructure, available resources, and level of required care.

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