ACTIVITY OF A CHEMOTHERAPY SUBCOMMITTEE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TEAM MEDICAL CARE IN REGIONAL MEDICINE

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The chemotherapy is one of major cancer treatments, and it is important that high quality chemotherapy is continuously performed. The cancer chemotherapy is often practiced at the hospital near the house. In regional medicine, long distance may become the disincentive of the treatment enforcement. Therefore, equalization of the chemotherapy and improvement of the quality are large issues. We have set up a chemotherapy subcommittee of Wakayama cancer practice meeting in 2010. Activity contents are mainly equalization of the chemotherapy and improvement of the quality, communalization of regimens, safe improvement of the Outpatient chemotherapy center, training of the staff engaging in chemotherapy, and upbringing of specialists. The subcommittee member mainly consist of chemotherapy specialists including medical oncologist, certified nurse in cancer chemotherapy Nursing and certified pharmacist in cancer chemotherapy on the basis of importance of the on-site opinion and team medical care. Activity contents are workshop of the cancer board pattern participated by team unit, unified regimens and the supportive care, accumulation of cancer chemotherapy for patients with rare cancer and/or specific complications, unionization of the anti-emergency measure in outpatient chemotherapy center. Moreover, the subcommittee contributes to transaction and network construction beyond type of jobs and medical institutions.