

CLINICAL PATHOLOGICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE CERVICAL CANCER PATIENTS ATTENDING GOOD SAMARITAN CANCER HOSPITAL IN MOROGORO, TANZANIA

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Abstract

Cervical cancer is cancer arising from the cervix and this occurs due to abnormal growth of the cells that can invade and spread to another part of the body(1), at an early stage the patient presents asymptomatic but later on patients may present symptoms including vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain or pain during sexual intercourse and finally the presence of vaginal mass may indicate the presence of malignancy sometimes in the advanced stage metastases may be present in the abdomen, lung, or elsewhere and may be accompanied by loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, pelvic pain, back pain, swollen legs, bone fractures and/or leakage of urine or feces from the vagina but occur very rarely. Cervical cancer is women's fourth most common cancer It is of a public health concern as more than 569,000 cervical cancer new cases are reported annually and according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) global cancer observatory more than 311,000 death occur globally annually due to this cervical cancer however, in Africa the burden is well recognized where more than 119,000 new cases reported annually and 81,000 death occur annually (5) and according to current studies the burden was high observed in sub – Saharan Africa where cervical cancer contribute 20% to 25% of total cancer cases and World Health Organization report regarding the cervical cancer profile came to realize that low middle-income home countries are taking the highest burden of cervical cancer and this was due to lack effectiveness screening schedule In Tanzania, the burden of cervical cancer is well established and data declare that about 7000 women die each year due to cervical cancer the age group prone to this type of cancer is around 35 up to 44 and is uncommon for women below 20 years

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