Editorial on Carcinoma Prostate

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When healthy and normal cells in the body change and grow out of control it forms a cancer. There are different kinds of cancers. Most common are the breast cancer, thyroid cancer and prostate cancer. Breast cancer and prostate cancer spread to bones most commonly. A cancer can be a benign cancer or a malignant cancer. A malignant tumour has a metastatic spread that is it spread to other organs whereas a benign cancer can grow but cannot spread [1].

Prostate cancer is one of the unusual yet very common cancer affecting most of the population. It is different from rest of the cancers as it doesn’t spread quickly to other parts of body. Mostly the prostate cancer is slowly growing and doesn’t cause any obvious sign and symptoms. The usual symptoms are frequent and painful micturation, burning micturation, blood in urine and seminal fluid, weak and interrupted urine flow and new onset of erectile dysfunction [2]. Prostate cancer is somewhat unusual when compared with other types of cancer. This is because many prostate tumours do not spread quickly to other parts of the body. Some prostate cancers grow very slowly and may not cause symptoms or problems for years.

Usually the early stage of prostate cancer has no signs and symptoms. It is usually detected via DRE or PSA test. If it suggests of having a Carcinoma prostate than further testing is carried out [3]. A significant Research is being carried out for early detection of prostate cancer and its linkage between the nutrition and lifestyle factors. New genomic tests have been introduced by researchers for its proper management [4].

Till date there are a lot of treatment options which include Radiotherapy, chemotherapy and anti cancer drugs. For advanced metastatic cancer especially to bones a lot of quantitative parameters have been introduced, which include %PAB (Positive area on bone scans), %BSI (Bone scan index), BLS (bone Lesion scoring) and EOD (Extent of Disease). These methods help in quantifying the tumour burden on bone scans which ultimately helps in the modification of treatment plan [5].

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