

Bridging science, humanity, and system: toward a more integrated cancer care

Burden of cancer care and fast growing of landscape technology in cancer management giving it's own challenge for the oncologist. The *Indonesian Journal of Cancer Care (InaJCC)*, in this issue present a rich collection of manuscripts that reflect both the scientific complexity and the real word experience of cancer care across disciplines, faith, and frontiers. These articles exemplify the growing maturity of oncology practice in Indonesia and globally—where scientific precision meets multidisciplinary collaboration and as well as an obstacle in it's daily practice.

The **Special Article**, “*Bridging the Complexity of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Care through an MDT Approach*,” underscores the importance of the *multidisciplinary team (MDT)* model in addressing one of the most aggressive and biologically heterogeneous subtypes of breast cancer. Triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) poses therapeutic challenges due to its lack of hormonal or HER2 targets; thus, coordinated care involving oncologists, pathologists, surgeons, molecular biologists, and palliative experts becomes essential. The article reinforces the message that complexity in cancer care is best countered by collective expertise—bridging clinical, molecular, and psychosocial dimensions for optimal outcomes.

Our **Original Article** from the *Dharmais Cancer Center*, “*Five-Year Layer by Layer: Mohs Micrographic Surgery Insight from Indonesia Cancer Center*,” brings valuable local evidence on precision cutaneous oncology. Through meticulous “layer-by-layer” histopathologic control, Mohs surgery offers maximal tumor clearance while sparing healthy tissue—an approach particularly relevant in the era of personalized surgical oncology. This also showed a long-term insight from a national cancer center demonstrates Indonesia’s commitment to evidence-based refinement of oncologic surgery.

Another **Original Article**, “*Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Islamic Scholars on Cancer Care and Preventive Measures in Ile-Ife, Nigeria: Implication for Policy Action*,” reflects the vital intersection between health literacy, faith, and community leadership.

Religious scholars often hold pivotal influence in shaping perceptions toward prevention, early detection, and treatment adherence. This study highlights the untapped potential of faith-based engagement as a vector for public health communication and policy formulation in cancer prevention—an approach highly relevant for culturally diverse nations.

Two **Case Reports** in this issue remind us that the practice of oncology remains deeply rooted in clinical vigilance and diagnostic precision. The first, “*Rare Delayed Tracheal Perforation after Total Thyroidectomy*,” draws attention to the delicate balance between surgical intervention and delayed complications in endocrine oncology. The second, “*Misdiagnosis of Lung Adenocarcinoma Mimicking Pulmonary Tuberculosis*,” reflects a diagnostic challenge prevalent in many developing regions, where infectious diseases and malignancies may clinically overlap. Both reports emphasize that clinical acumen, supported by histopathological confirmation and multidisciplinary review, remains indispensable.

Finally, the **Review Article**, “*Mechanism of Target Therapy Resistance in NSCLC*,” provides a timely and comprehensive overview of molecular pathways that underpin treatment failure in non-small cell lung cancer. Understanding these resistance mechanisms—from EGFR and ALK mutations to MET amplification and tumor microenvironment adaptation—guides future strategies for overcoming therapeutic resistance and achieving durable remission.

These contributions embody the spirit of *InaJCC*: fostering scientific exchange that not only informs but also transforms cancer care practice. They remind us that effective oncology lies at the intersection of molecular insight, clinical precision, systemic coordination, and human compassion. As cancer care advances, integration—of science, system, and soul—remains our ultimate bridge.

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