



Issues in the diagnosis and management of malignant disease

In this issue of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* we introduce a new regular feature, "Cancer diagnosis and management." In this section, written for the generalist, we will focus on important areas of cancer management, both current clinical practice and new developments of interest to patients and their physicians. Our goal is to provide succinct reviews of standard cancer care that are relevant to noncancer specialists, while discussing timely, and at times controversial, areas involving the diagnosis and treatment of malignant disease.

Our first topic for discussion is the management of ovarian cancer. Future papers will cover pain

management in the patient with advanced cancer, screening guidelines for the early detection of malignancy, the role of radiation therapy in the management of cancer, the role of chemotherapy in the treatment of breast cancer, and the diagnosis and management of oncologic emergencies.

We welcome your comments on this new section and encourage you to write us concerning suggestions for possible topics that will be of interest to readers of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*.

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