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Review question

The aim of the systematic review is to critically appraise, synthesise and present the available evidence of patients' lived experiences of cytotoxic medications prescribed for the management of malignant solid tumours.
In relation to the patients' pharmacological treatment journey for the management of malignant solid tumours:• What are the patients' lived experience?• What is the medication related burden? • What are the medication related beliefs?• What is the medication taking practice?• What is the relationship between the lived experience and medication related burden, medication related beliefs and medication taking practice?

Searches

Systematic review according to PRISMA guidelines will be conducted in the following databases: CINAHL, MEDLINE, Cochrane Library, Science Direct, Springerlink, International pharmaceutical abstracts and PsycArticles.
Manual searches of related studies listed in the reference, footnote and citations will be carried out to include more relevant papers. The search will be restricted to publications in the English language and will centre on the concepts of patients' lived experience, cytotoxic medications and malignant solid tumours. Concept mapping was applied to develop keywords and generate search terms.

Types of study to be included

All study designs of research studies which have employed any methodological approach including quantitative or mixed methodologies will be included.

Condition or domain being studied

The lived experiences of adult patients prescribed cytotoxic medications for the management of malignant solid tumours.

Participants/population

Inclusion criteria: patients who are 18 years and over irrespective of their gender, ethnicity and stage of disease receiving cytotoxic medications for the management of malignant solid tumours.

Intervention(s), exposure(s)

Articles will be reviewed if they describe the patients' lived experience of cytotoxic medications for the management of malignant solid tumours.

Comparator(s)/control

Not applicable.

Context

Primary outcome(s)

The primary outcomes will include the experiences, burden, beliefs and practice of patients in relation to

cytotoxic medications.

Secondary outcome(s)
None.

Data extraction (selection and coding)
The initial screening of all titles retrieved during the search will be carried out to identify potentially relevant papers. This will be followed by screening of abstracts and then by full paper against the pre-defined systematic review aim, questions and inclusion/exclusion criteria. A random sample of 10% of the retrieved titles and abstracts during the search strategy will be independently checked by two research members for consistency of inclusion/exclusion and enhance the reliability of the process. Any disagreement will be resolved by consensus within the research team; otherwise these will be reported in the final review. Any duplicate publications of the same studies will be eliminated and the number of duplicates will be recorded using Prisma 2009 flow diagram.
Qualitative and quantitative data extraction will be conducted using standardised data extraction tools. These will be developed so as to obtain specific information pertinent to the review aim and questions.

Risk of bias (quality) assessment
Quality assessment will be conducted on all included manuscripts by two independent reviewers using established critical appraisal tools. Disagreements will be resolved by consensus after discussion with the research team.

Strategy for data synthesis
Depending on the uncertainty of data that will be retrieved, it is difficult to anticipate strategies for data synthesis. However the synthesis would most likely be narrative. Key findings and conclusion will be generated in relation to the review aim and questions.

Analysis of subgroups or subsets
None planned

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Piloting of the study selection process	No	No
Formal screening of search results against eligibility criteria	No	No
Data extraction	No	No
Risk of bias (quality) assessment	No	No
Data analysis	No	No

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