

Fertility after Chemo- and Radiotherapy in Paediatric and Adolescent Patients (FeCT)

Summary:

In a nation-wide survey "Fertilität nach Chemo- und Strahlentherapie im Kindes- und Jugendalter, FeCt", former childhood-cancer patients from the German Cancer Registry („Deutsches Kinderkrebsregister“, DKKR) were asked about their fertility and psychosocial dimensions of their former disease. Pelvic irradiation was associated with a high risk of infertility in men and in women. Also a cancer diagnosis after 13 years of age was associated with up to double the risk of being infertile compared to patients who have been diagnosed up to the age of 13. The results could be confirmed in hormone analyses of 163 former cancer patients from Berlin.

In case of threatened infertility an adequate and early patient counselling about possible fertility preserving measures is necessary and an important task of the treating physician. During the last 25 years the patient counselling improved significantly from only 33% during 1980-1984, up to 51% during the years 2000-2004.

Currently, analyses of bone marrow transplant and brain tumor patients, as well as investigations about the health of children of former childhood-cancer-patients, from 7 European research centres are planned.

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