Establishing Priorities for Oncology Nursing Research: Nurse and Patient Collaboration

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Cancer care is in continual flux, driven by advances in science, technology, and treatment. Improvements have been made across cancer services, including in the areas of prevention, screening (e.g., home testing kits for colorectal cancer), surgery (e.g., robotic surgical systems), chemotherapy (e.g., cancer immunotherapy), and enhanced recovery and survivorship programs. Many innovations have enabled care to be delivered closer to people’s homes with benefits in terms of patient convenience and cost savings for service providers. However, innovations in cancer care alter patients’ interactions with cancer services, as well as the care they require. Nursing care needs to be responsive to service changes and patient outcomes, and it should be underpinned by contemporary and rigorous evidence addressing key challenges for nurses and patients. Because finite resources are...