PSYCHOTROPIC AND STIMULANT MEDICATION (PSM) USE AMONG TESTICULAR CANCER SURVIVORS (TCS): A MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL CLINICAL STUDY OF 680 PATIENTS GIVEN CISPLATIN-BASED CHEMOTHERAPY (CHEM) (NCI 1R01 CA157823-02) MASCC/ISOO 2015. (POSTER BOARD NO. 24-14-P)

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Introduction

TCS are known to be at increased risk for acute and chronic medical conditions, but few studies have examined barometers of their psychological health.

Objectives

To characterize the prevalence of PSM use and associations with demographics, health behaviors, and treatment-associated toxicities among TCS.

Methods

TCS aged ≤49 years at first-line CHEM completed a questionnaire regarding co-morbidities and prescription drug use, including PSMs. For co-morbidities, peripheral neuropathy (PN) responses of 'a little', "quite a bit", or "very much" were scored 'yes.' Fisher's exact test was used to examine the significance of various associations.

Results

Among the first 680 consecutively enrolled TCS, median age at TC diagnosis was 31y (range, 15-49y) and median time since CHEM completion was 52mo (range 12-360mo). 85 TCS (12.5%) reported PSM use, including antidepressants (N=65 [76.5%]), anxiolytics (N=23 [27%]), and stimulants (N=21 [25%]) with 20 TCS on \geq 2 PSMs (23%). Compared to non-users, more PSM users were unemployed (11.8% vs. 4.4%%; P<.01), self-rated their health as fair/poor (12.2% vs 4%; P<.01), and had gained >20lb since CHEM (39.8% vs 23.4%; P<.01). PSM users were more likely to have tinnitus (49.4% vs. 36.4%; P<0.04), both tinnitus and PN (43.5% vs. 27.2%; P<0.01), cardiovascular disease (26.2% vs. 15.6%; P<.02), and greater use of prescription medications for pain control (20% vs. 4.7%; P<0.01), hypertension (16.5% vs. 7.1%; P<0.01), diabetes (8.3% vs. 2.9%; P<0.02), and testosterone replacement (10.6% vs. 5.0%; P=0.048).

Conclusions

Future studies should aim for identification of high-risk patients in need of intensified preventive and therapeutic interventions.