The 10-minute consultation: ovarian cancer

Rationale

The length of consultations varies, but the average length is 10 minutes. In addition, a new GP curriculum was introduced in the UK in 2007, with re-evaluation for practicing GPs; revalidation through continuing medical education is already the standard in other countries. The 10-minute consultation series of pocketbooks aims to develop clinicians’ history-taking and clinical examination skills, as well as provide detailed information on the management options available in primary care, with emphasis on when (and when not) to refer for specialist investigations and treatments. The pocketbook format is concise and portable, and key points are highlighted for quick reference, either as a memory aid or for day-to-day use on the clinical frontline.

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Although ovarian cancer was originally known as the ‘silent killer’, recent studies show that the majority of women have symptoms before diagnosis, even those in the early stages of disease. Primary care clinicians can find the diagnostic pathway complicated though and misdiagnosis is common.

The 10-minute consultation: ovarian cancer will provide a holistic approach to the primary assessment and management of ovarian cancer, stressing the importance of ongoing patient review and recall to ensure delivery of high-quality, evidence-based management.

Authorship

The 10-minute consultation advisory board comprises practicing GPs with a specialist interest in cancer, whose role is to ensure the accuracy, quality and integrity of the content. By using a team of experienced and highly regarded GPs, we aim to draw on their clinical experience within the field, closely reflecting the needs of the readers.

Summary

The 10-minute consultation: ovarian cancer will provide clinicians with an invaluable source of information on this disease and will highlight the key principles of diagnosis and management.

Key objectives for the reader:

- To understand the epidemiology of ovarian cancer
- To understand that ovarian cancer is associated with significant morbidity
- To understand how to assess symptoms in primary care
- To understand how to manage ovarian cancer in primary care
- To understand the principles of drug and non-drug treatment
- To understand the indications for specialist referral

Specification

- International Editorial Advisory Board
- Paperback: 96 pages (tbc)
- Product dimensions: 110 x 190 mm
- Binding: perfect bound
- Colour: 4-colour cover; 2-colour text

Audience

- Medical students
- Primary care: GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists
- Secondary care: Nurse specialists, Junior doctors

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