

This issue's topics

In 2000, it was proposed that a Special Issue based on 'state-of-the-art' information derived from the first Multi-disciplinary Congress of Colorectal Cancer would be fruitful. This issue is a result of that proposal and topics as diverse as new surgical techniques, genetics, cost-effectiveness studies, new therapies, quality control and new diagnostic methodologies are examined and discussed. We hope that our readers will be both informed and excited by the data within this issue and, for a more detailed description of the content, we refer the reader to the Editorial provided by the Guest Editors, Professors van Krieken and van de Velde (p 855).

Forthcoming papers

Editorial Comment

Prognostic factors in head and neck cancer

M.W.M. van den Brekel, E.M.J. Bindels, A.J.M. Balm

Reviews

The role of ultrasonography as an adjunct to mammography in the detection of breast cancer: a systematic review

K. Flobbe, P.J. Nelemans, A.G.H. Kessels, *et al.*

Ethical approval for multicentre clinical trials in children: contrasting systems in three European countries

C.R. Pinkerton, S. Ablett, J. Boos, T. Philip

Original Papers

Clinical

Expression of E-cadherin in squamous cell carcinomas of the supraglottic larynx with correlations to clinico-pathological features

Jp. Rodrigo, F. Domínguez, C. Alvarez, *et al.*

Investigation of the prognostic value of coexpressed erbB family members for the survival of colorectal cancer patients after curative care

J.-C. Lee, S.-T. Wang, N.-H. Chow, *et al.*

Phase I and pharmacokinetic study of BIBX 1382 BS, an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) inhibitor, given in a continuous daily oral administration

Ch. Dittrich, U. Bruntsch, M. Borner, *et al.*

Population pharmacokinetics of adjuvant cyclophosphamide methotrexate and 5-fluorouracil (CMF)

M.A. Batey, J.G. Wright, A. Azzabi, *et al.*

Disposition of docetaxel in the presence of P-glycoprotein inhibition by intravenous administration of R101933

L. van Zuylen, A. Sparreboom, A. van der Gaast, *et al.*

Cell kinetic changes in human squamous cell carcinomas during radiotherapy studied using the *in vivo* administration of two halogenated pyrimidines

Post operative radiotherapy following mastectomy for high-risk breast cancer: a randomised trial

D.A.L. Morgan, J. Berridge, R.W. Blamey

Paediatric Update

Embryonal tumours of the central nervous system

E. Bouffet, R. Gilbertson

Epidemiology and Cancer Prevention

Assessing oncological productivity: is one method sufficient?

D. Ugolini, C. Casilli, G.S. Mela

Experimental

Novel expressed sequences obtained by means of a suppression subtractive hybridisation analysis from the 6q21 region that is frequently deleted in gastric cancer

B. Carvalho, R. Seruca, C.H.C.M. Buys, K. Kok

Effects of combination anti-angiogenic and anti-epidermal growth factor receptor therapies on the growth of gastric cancer in a nude mouse model

Y. Do Yung, P.F. Mansfield, C.D. Bucana, *et al.*

Oxaliplatin (L-OHP) treatment of human myeloma cells induces *in vitro* growth inhibition and apoptotic cell death

P. Tassone, P. Tagliaferri, E. Galea, *et al.*

BNP7787, a novel protector against platinum-related toxicities, does not affect the efficacy of cisplatin or carboplatin in human tumour xenografts

E. Boven, M. Verschraagen, T.M. Hulscher, *et al.*