

Prostate Cancer Screening Approach as Well Disease Burden and its Precision Medicine Outlook Purely in Indian Context

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Abstract: Risk of clinically significant prostate cancer is related to age, family history, PSA level, free and total PSA ratio as well as finding of digital rectal examination DRE, subclinical prostate cancer is common in men over 50 years of age, hence PSA (Prostate specific Antigen) testing has been recommended in men over 60 years of age if PSA level is more than 2ng/ml. The 5 - year survival rate for prostate cancer in India is 64%. Although many cancer deem fit for cancer screening but prostate cancer screening having limited role author will try described about current recommendation of prostate cancer screening, recent data of HBCR Hospital based cancer registry shall also be discussed in order to understand disease burden in Indian context. Recently precision medicine has open its wings for prostate cancer as well what we achieve out of it shall further addressed in this review article.

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1. Discussion

Prostate cancer is one among the top ten leading cancer in India. It usually affects men in the age group of 65+ years. However, recently there has been an increase in reports of cancer in younger men in the age group of 35 - 44 and 55 - 64 residing in metropolitan cities. Old age, obesity, improper diet, and genetic alterations have been identified as some of the main contributing factors towards an increased cause of prostate cancer.

A study revealed that those patients who underwent prostate cancer treatment with surgery had a better survival rate (91%). These findings prove that while treatment may save a life or extend the number of survival years, awareness about and prevention of the disease has become crucial in today's day and age. Compared data available from various cancer registries and observed that the average annual cancer incidence rate for prostate cancer in India ranged 5.0 - 9.1 per 100, 000/year, whereas the comparative rate in the United States were 110.4 for whites and 180.9 for blacks.

Projected cases of prostate cancer in India for the periods 2010 and 2015 were estimated as 26, 120 and 28, 079. The incidence rates of this cancer are constantly and rapidly increasing and the cancer projection data shows that the number of cases will double by 2020.

Recommendation for prostate cancer screening as per ESMO guidelines:

- 1) Population based PSA screening of men for prostate cancer reduces prostate cancer mortality at the expense of over diagnosis and over treatment thus it is not recommended.
- 2) Early PSA testing can offered to men over 50 years of age with family history of prostate cancer and BRCA - 1/ BRCA - 2, genetic mutations.
- 3) Testing for prostate cancer in asymptomatic men with life expectancy more than 109 years should not be done.

Precision Medicine in Prostate cancer:

In precision medicine various tissue based molecular test provide us prognostic as well as predictive information in many solid tumors and prostate cancer is not exception to that, in prostate cancer targets are identified in molecular test like immunohistochemistry (IHC), FISH test, etc, approximately 20% of metastatic prostate cancer harbors genetic aberrations like we look for BRCA 1/ BRCA2, mutations BRCA - 2 mutations are more commonly associated with prostate cancer, BRCA 2 mutant prostate cancer often having Gleason score more than 8 (GS>8) as well as commonly associated with pelvic lymph node involvement along distant metastasis at the time of diagnosis, henceforth mutation in BRCA2 associated with poor clinical outcome in these patients, men with prostate cancer should also be considered for genetic testing if at least two close blood relatives have been diagnosed with breast cancer /ovarian cancer/prostate cancer/ colorectal cancer, so far as prediction is concerned those who have been diagnosed to have BRCA2 mutations will very well response to platinum based chemotherapy as well as polymerase inhibitors example Pembrolizumab targeted drugs.

2. Conflict of Interest

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