A review of cancer immunotherapies and nutritional therapies

Immunotherapies and nutritional therapies are assuming prominence in the prevention and treatment of cancer. Immunoediting is the process in which aberrant cells multiply. Immunosurveillance by the immune system distinguishes between aberrant and normal cells and usually eradicates aberrant cells. Some aberrant cells withstand immunosurveillance and may become benign tumors. Some aberrant cells grow unrestrained by immunosurveillance and become cancer cells in the neoplastic process. Immunotherapies can be classified as: 1) active that stimulates a patient's innate immune response; 2) adoptive that exposes immune system cells to specific cancer antigens; 3) restorative that restores deficient functions of immune system cells without removing them from a patient; and 4) passive that infuses a patient with antibodies to antigens on the patient's cancer cells. The evidence suggests that a combination of immunotherapies most closely resembles the way in which the immune system works. By 2013, thirteen immunotherapy antibodies had been approved by the FDA, and many more are currently being evaluated in clinical trials. Nutritional therapies include 1) the ketogenic diet that starves cancer cells; 2) CELLFOOD that produces an alkaline body and high levels of oxygen that smother cancer cells; 3) curcumin that inhibits tumor growth and metastasis; 4) IAHCC that is an immune system modulator, 5) milk thistle that stimulates detoxification pathways and inhibits the growth of cancer cells; and 6) vitamin D3 that can prevent the formation of and kill cancer cells. The most effective approach is to use all of them as a "cocktail".

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