Natural therapies for cancer

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Natural medicines with a sound mechanism and published evidence can integrate with and support allopathic oncology, reinforce and extend the benefits so gained and where necessary provide alternatives for cancer care. Naturopathic oncology provides significant benefits in harm reduction and synergistic amplification of benefits of radiation, surgery, chemotherapy and targeted therapies. Beyond just comfort and care, it can actually extend survival and restore quality of life in even most desperate circumstances. The major therapies in use by North American Naturopathic Oncologists will be reviewed, with details of protocols, posology, contraindications and interactions. Included are diets, nutraceuticals, vitamins, botanicals, homeopathic remedies, traditional Chinese medicines, acupuncture, psychology, mind-body and energetic therapies such as Reiki and pharmaceuticals. The eclectic repertoire of natural medicine will be explored within the context of cutting edge principles including epigenetic modulation, the metabolic theory of cancer, mitochondrial resuscitation and stem cell management. At every stage of cancer, despite co-morbidities and complex medications, natural medicine can contribute to a higher standard of care. Participants will leave with clinically relevant adjunctive and alternative therapeutics for their cancer patients.

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