RETURN TO WORK IN ITALIAN CANCER SURVIVORS: THE INNOVATIVE SOCIAL-HEALTH CARE NETWORK

Paltrinieri S, Rondini E, Fugazzaro S, Gozzi C, Costi S and Mazzini E.
Nearly 50% of new diagnosis and more than 1/3 of cancer survivors are people in their working age.

Cancer rehabilitation should address return to work issues early in the process.

Baili, P. et al. (2015). EUROCare-5, a population-based study. Europ J Can
RTW

• Implements ability to cope with the disease
  Istituto Piepoli 2008

• Recovers personal identity and social role
  Kennedy et al, 2007

• Improves general health
  Duijts et al, 2017

• (?) Reduces costs
  FAVO (2012)
RTW rate:
39-77% European working age
60-92% European employed at diagnosis
24-94% Worldwide

DATA SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IN THEIR CONTEXT

NO DATA FROM MEDITERRANEAN AND CENTRAL EUROPE
Population based study in Reggio Emilia (ongoing)

95% of working individuals diagnosed with cancer (stadium I-III) RETURN to work

45% reported barriers
- Social work environment
- Work tasks
- Health conditions
- Perceived self-efficacy to work
UNA MANO PATHWAY

Screening by MD, HCPs or lay informed people (volunteers, secretaries...)

Probable Risk

No Risk

Social sector provides personalized interventions targeted to help the individual finding a new job (information regarding opportunities and rights, job search skills, professional retraining and education, social support...)

Information about employment rights in the course of illness and the services offered by UNA MANO

Risk

2nd level assessment: OT

Very High

Moderate

OT, HCPs, and Labor Unions provide personalized interventions targeted to the reintegration into the workplace (education, fatigue management strategies, motivational/psychological counseling, changes to the work environment, tasks, scheduling...)

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