Mistakes in the management of peritoneal malignancies and how to avoid them

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This article identifies ten critical and preventable pitfalls in the diagnosis, staging, and treatment of peritoneal surface malignancies, emphasizing strategies to optimize outcomes through multidisciplinary care and expert referral.

KEY POINTS

- Cytoreductive surgery combined with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy has radically altered prognosis for selected patients with peritoneal malignancies, transforming what was historically considered a terminal diagnosis.
- Progress in managing peritoneal surface malignancies has been jeopardized by recurring and preventable errors in diagnosis, staging, and treatment selection.
- The article provides evidence-based explanations, concrete clinical examples, and strategic recommendations for avoiding each of the ten identified pitfalls.
- Early multidisciplinary discussion, precise imaging, and timely referral to high-volume expert centres are pivotal to optimizing patient outcomes and offering curative intent.

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