

Education



An approach for health care professionals

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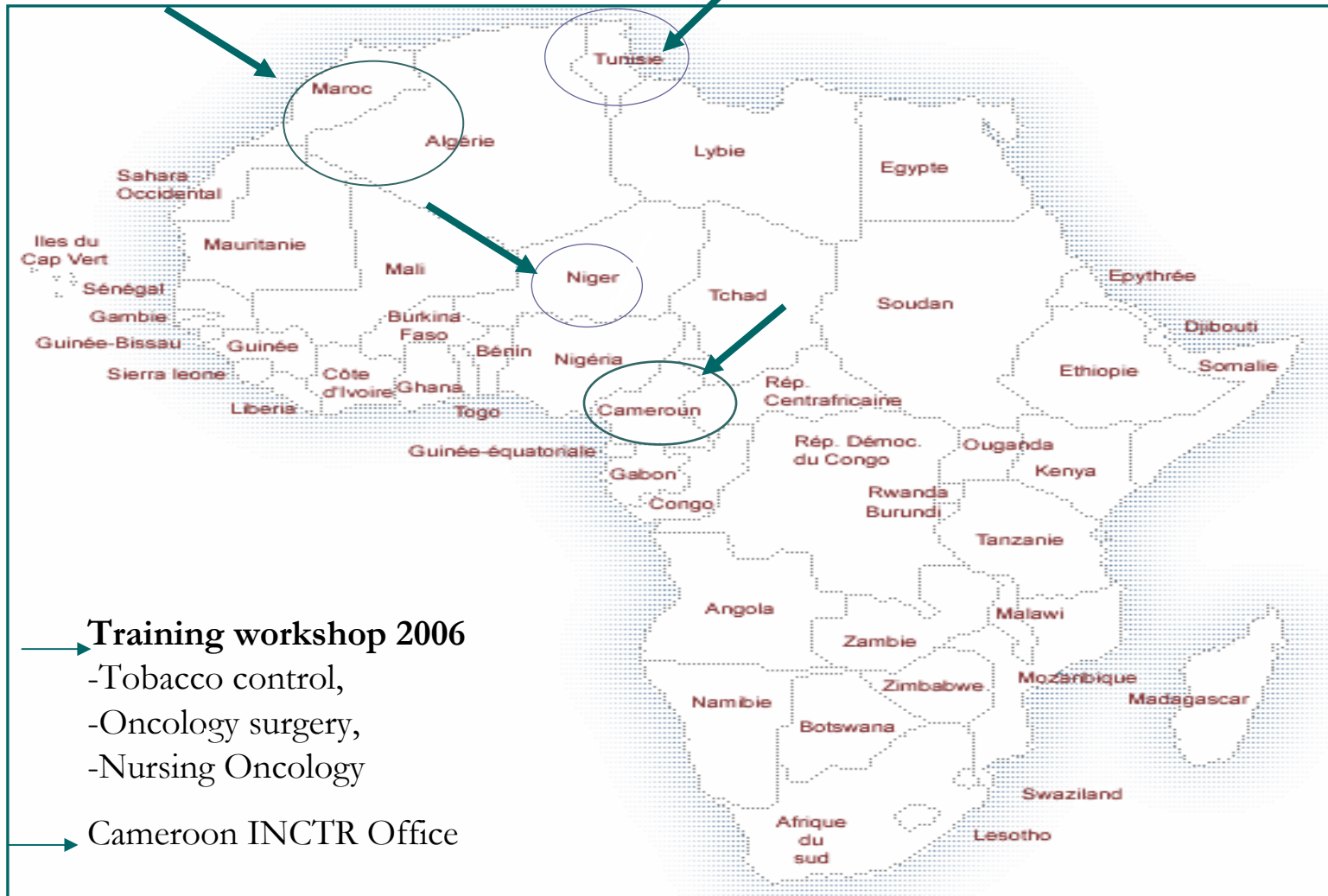


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Ongoing projects in Africa





The main objective

A global cancer approach by the
Oncology team

The main focus

Cancers of women and children



A goal

The optimal care of cancer patients in low income countries

The method

Training of health teams with special emphasis on nurses and midwives



Particular difficulties

- Disparities are sometimes obvious:

→ **Medicine is at two levels (one for the rich person, the other for the poor)**

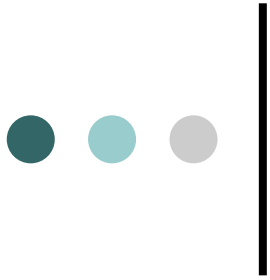
→ **Many patients can only buy a part of the prescribed drugs because of their weak purchasing power**

→ **Scientific research is regarded as an impossible goal + the problem of the language**

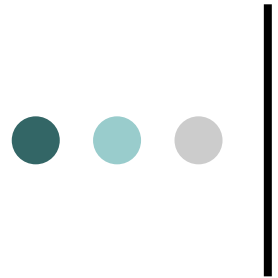


Particular difficulties Ctd.

- There are often no National Cancer Plans
- The financial and staff management of the hospitals is not sufficiently transparent
- The duality between the private/public sector is often an unfair competition which penalizes the patient who becomes a victim
- The lack of physicians and surgeons is often dramatic
- Radiotherapy is almost non-existent in French-speaking countries, except in the North of Africa

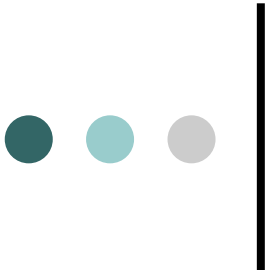


Which methodology should
be used to create effective
strategies?



1 - To optimize the potential of the Oncology team

Some cancers are avoidable, others can be cured if the diagnosis is made in time, and for some, only a palliative approach can be taken, to attenuate the sufferings of the patient and his family



- 2 - Directions to be promoted or consolidated

- It is necessary to bring a new dynamic for prevention and early diagnosis
- It is important to launch epidemiological studies
- Health care infrastructure must be created for Hemato-oncology



3. The staff should be trained

- The problems of cancer are not individual problems,
- Taking care of cancer patients is therefore multidisciplinary,
- No one specialty can be prevailed upon to take care of cancer patients effectively



Training in Oncology: an example

Oncology Nursing care in Africa
Reports and expressed needs

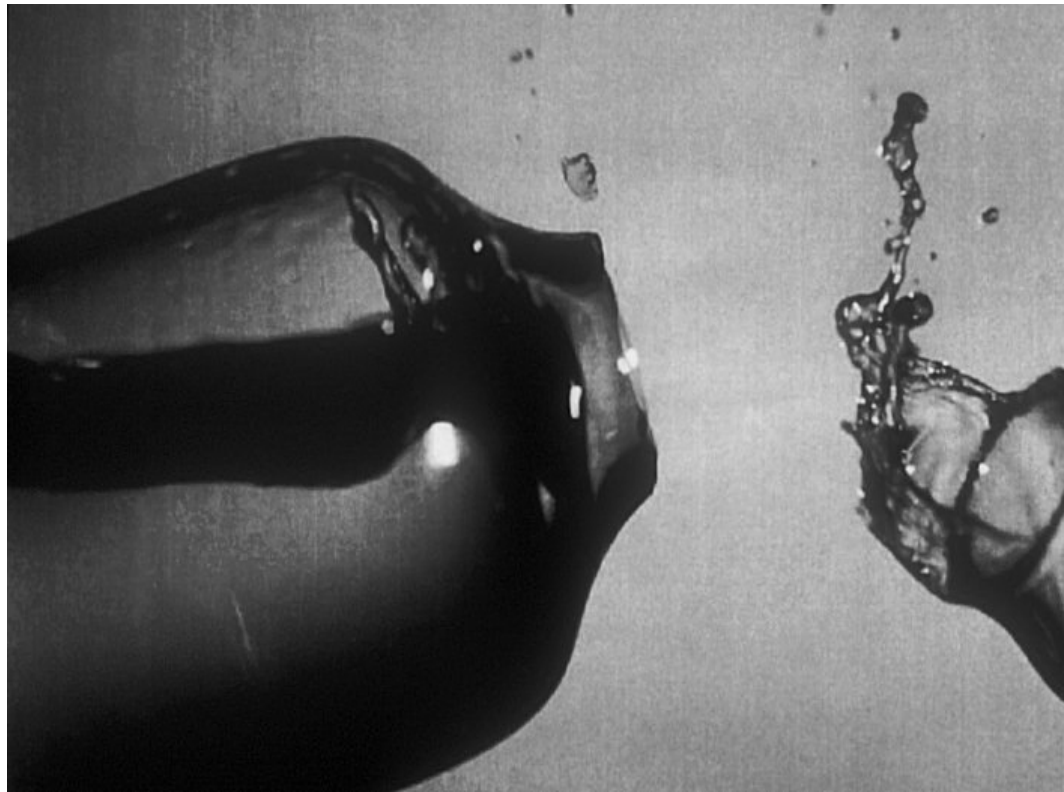
Specific cancer concepts are not yet taught in the Nursing schools



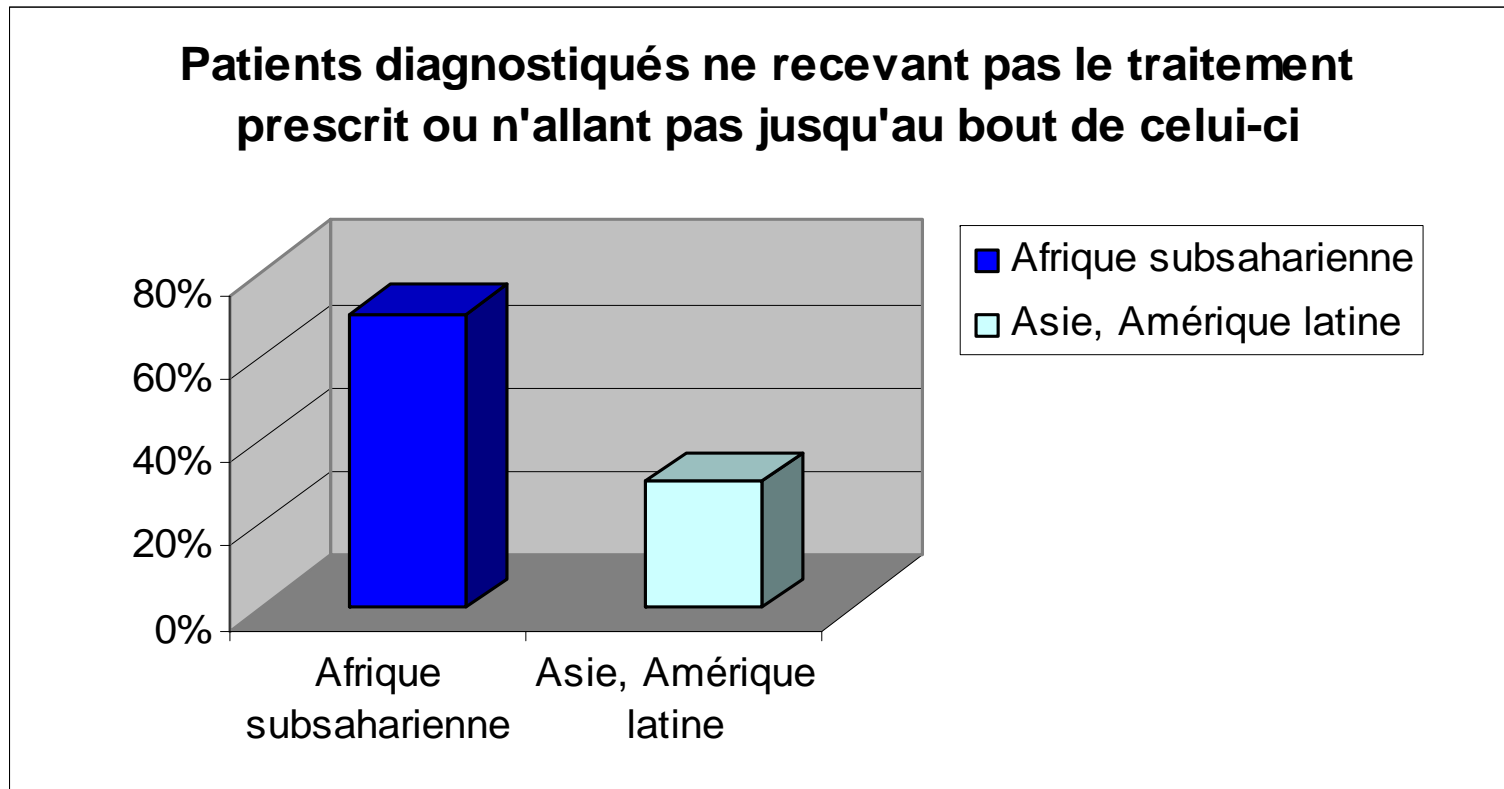
**Preparation and administration of cytotoxic drugs: a need expressed all the time.
Nurses are afraid**



Preparation and administration of the cytotoxics according to the protocol: nurses are often not informed about it



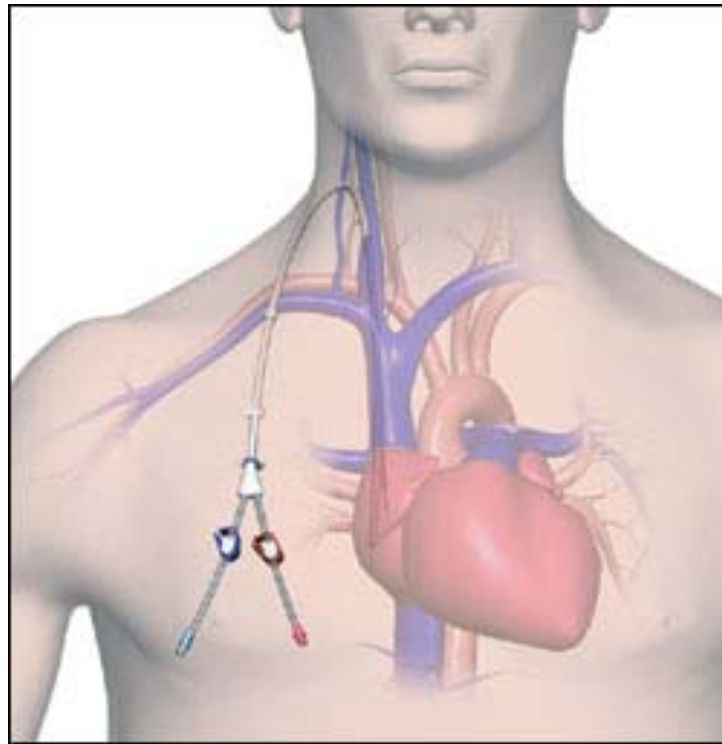
Even if they have drugs, 70% of patients don't have treatment or can't afford it





An example: how to recognize the symptoms of aplasia post chemotherapy: they want to know

Use of a central venous line



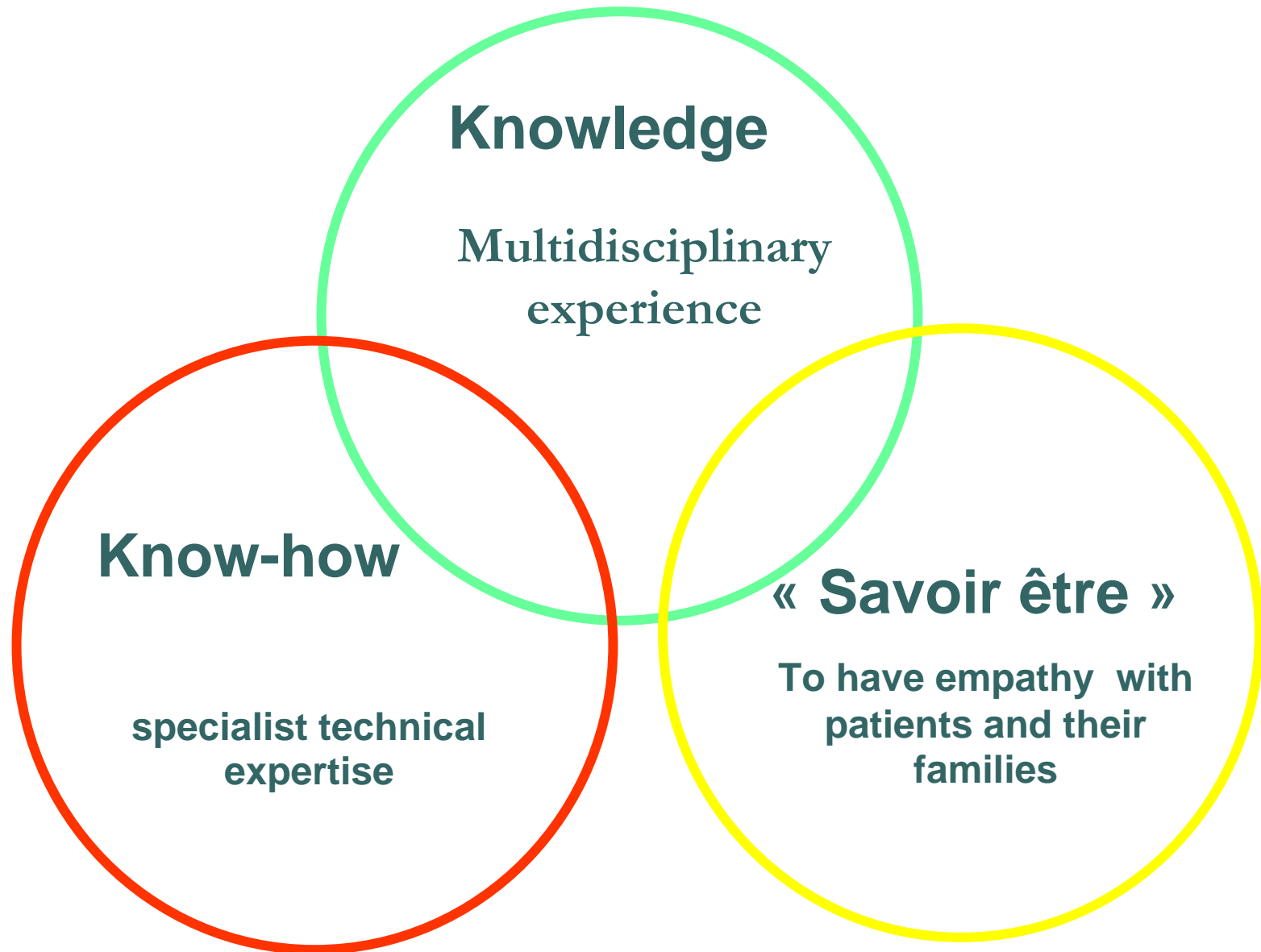
Pain management : where to find available and cheap drugs?



Relapse or death of the patient how to surmount it ?



To have good Nursing care



The nurse's role has become very important in developing countries

- ❖ **on the technical level**
- ❖ **in follow-up**
 - ❖ **as part of the team**
 - ❖ **by giving support**
 - ❖ **by participating in studies of new drugs**

It is necessary to have:

- Good qualified nurses, well trained and recognized as such by the physicians
- To keep them working in the Cancer Unit
- To create and perpetuate a good relationship with patient and family





Proposals to improve cancer care and treatment

- Initial training of the teams
- Continuing training for all concerned at the Cancer Unit
- Creation of suitable infrastructure of care
- Decompartmentalization of medical care (home medical care)



Proposals to improve cancer care and treatments ctd.

- Increasing awareness about cancer prevention (risk factors) by education
- Organization of a Palliative Care program and education of the families
- Support with terminal care

AMCC and INCTR work for it!

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