

Women's Body Image Distress Associated with Cervical Cancer

Background: Cervical cancer diagnosis and treatment can bring changes related to a woman's body image; which in turn can have a devastating on intimate relationships.

Aim: The present study aimed to assess women's body image distress associated with cervical cancer.

Methods; Design: A descriptive design was conducted. **Setting:** out-patient clinic in the oncology unit at Beni-Suef University hospital. **Subjects:** A purposive sample of 70 women. **Tools:** Data was collected through a structured interviewing questionnaire sheet, and body image scale.

Results: The results of the study indicate that the majority (90%) of the studied women had body image distress. There is a statistically significant relationship between age and marriage age of women and their total body image scores.

Conclusion: There is a statistical association between body image statuses amongst those women who were undergoing cervical cancer treatment concerning their socio-demographic characteristics.

Recommendations: Implement an educational program to improve the self-body image for women with cervical cancer.

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