

Psychological Risk Factors for Cancer Diseases

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The workshop would introduce the construct of psychological risk factors into the theory and practice of oncology. The role of different risk factors in outlining the causes for a disease will be explained, psychological risk factors will be defined and the role of psychological risk factors will be demonstrated. A methodology for identifying psychological risk factors will be described and several studies using this methodology relating to breast cancer, colorectal cancer and gynecological cancers will be presented.

Biography:

Dr. Shulamith Kreitler has graduated in psychology and psychiatry at Bern University, Switzerland. She has been a full professor of psychology at Tel Aviv University since 1986, has worked at the universities of Princeton, Harvard, Yale University, Vienna and Buenos Aires. She is a certified clinical psychologist and health psychologist. She has established the psychooncology unit (Ichilov) and the Center for Psychooncology Research (Sheba Medical Center). She has developed a new approach to meaning, to predicting and changing behavior and identifying psychological risk factors for cancer. She has published over 200 articles and 18 scientific books and is preparing a book about psychooncology (Springer).