

PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY IN MEDICINE

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Abstract -

Photodynamic therapy (PDT) is based on the induction of a photochemical reaction between a non-toxic photosensitizer, light and oxygen. It is a modern method that uses light to heal. In this technique, after systemic administration of a photosensitizing agent (PS), local necrosis of neoplastic cells, inflammatory lesions or cells of microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses and fungi is induced using light of a specific wavelength. The use of PDT allows to limit the number of surgical procedures and often successfully complete the treatment process.

Unlike chemotherapy and radiotherapy, PDT uses a combination of light and photosensitizer, which together determine the end result. There is also an adverse effect on resistance to therapy, depending on the form of the PS concentration and the form of the constant light dose. The mechanisms of resistance to PDT attributed to PS may be correlated with the overall mechanisms of drug resistance. They are associated with altered drug uptake and release rate or altered intracellular exchange. In the second stage, increased decay or inhibition of the activity of oxygen-reactive species is also associated with resistance to PDT through enzymes that detoxify antioxidants and activation of heat shock proteins.

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