

Klastersky 2000

Clinical features and settings	Adult patients (> 16 years) with malignancy treated with chemotherapy and neutropenia (ANC >500/mm ³) and fever (>38.0°C). Study period was 1994 to 1997.
Participants	756 FN episodes in 756 patients (derivation set). Median age was 52 years. 331/756 (44%) patients had haematological cancer.
Study design	Prospective study. Consecutive or random sample (depending on participating institution). Multinational.
Target condition and reference standard(s)	Adverse events: defined as fever resolution for five consecutive days with occurrence of a serious medical complication including death.
Index and comparator tests	Tests were done at fever onset haemoglobin level: threshold < 8 g/dL Absolute neutrophil count: threshold < 0.1 X 10 ⁹ / L

Evidence review: prevention and management of neutropenic sepsis in cancer patients

	Platelet count: threshold 5000 / μ L Creatinine: threshold \geq 2 mg/dL Bilirubin: threshold \geq 2 mg/dL Albumin level: threshold < 2.5 g/dL
Follow-up	Not reported
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