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Difficulty in adherence to brachytherapy treatment of a patient at cacon, thus requiring multidisciplinary action to actively search for the realization of brachytherapy treatment. Case report

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1 INTRODUCTION

Case presentation: With the increase in the number of diagnoses of gynecological cancer and the decrease in the age group of patients at Cacon, the difficulty of accepting the disease together with its side effects arising from the treatments, makes the lack of assiduity in the treatment and especially in the brachytherapy stage. Case Report: I.L.S, 42 years old, diagnosed with uterine cancer EC IIA2, has a fifteen-year-old daughter, reports having financial problems, and for this reason, currently lives with her sister. The sister has psychiatric problems and frequently needs to be hospitalized, the brother also has a history of psychiatric treatment, and the two brothers are the only family support during his treatment. On the first day of treatment, the patient comes to the radiotherapy sector one hour late and is accompanied by her underage daughter. Based on the institutional norm, which requires the presence of an adult companion, her brachytherapy session was rescheduled. In the next session, the patient came to the sector accompanied by her brother and realized her first application of brachytherapy. In the following sessions, the patient did not come and did not explain her foul. Telephone contact was attempted but without success. For this reason, the nursing team carried out an active search through the patient's basic health unit. When contacting the social service, the fragilities of the the family nucleus is reinforced, as well as the importance of the complete treatment, the need for an active search is also emphasized to guide and ensure that the patient realizes brachytherapy. After contact from the social service, the patient returns to radiotherapy where the

remaining sessions are scheduled. During the service, the need for adequate preparation and the importance of carrying out the treatment is emphasized. Final Comment: Poor adherence to treatment has increased at Cacon which reflects in delayed treatment completion. The main problems involved are socioeconomic issues and this increasingly reinforces the need for multidisciplinary care, which includes not only the pathology but also includes psychosocial and socioeconomic issues.