



SIDE EFFECTS OF CHEMOTHERAPY: INFORMING TO ACT BETTER

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WHY WAS IT DONE?

new cancer cases diagnosed in France each year: digestive cancers

Medical management mainly relies on cytotoxic drugs

Side effects of these medications can affect negatively patients quality of life:





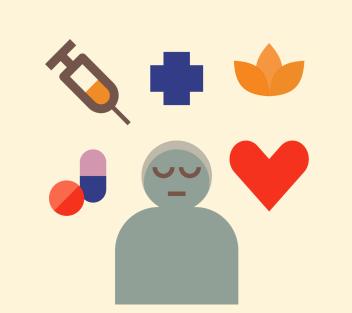






These symptoms can make daily life challenging

WHAT WAS DONE?

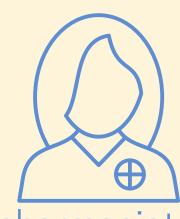


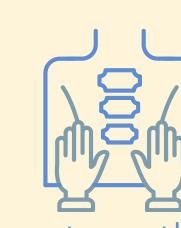
As part of a patient therapeutic education program, the goal of our project was to develop an innovative educational tool to help patients better understand these side effects and find ways to manage them

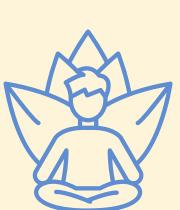
HOW WAS IT DONE?

Multidisciplinary therapeutic education program bringing together



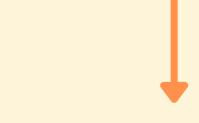




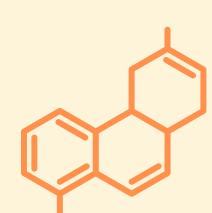




oncologists, pharmacists, osteopaths, sophrologists, nutritionists



Pharmacy responsible for a workshop focused on the side effects of chemotherapy



Main molecules used to treat digestive cancers were listed, along with their most common side effects.

Based on this analysis, playing cards were created, each corresponding to a specific side effect.

> Cards were designed to be understandable and accessible to all patients.

The workshop takes place in two parts, with the pharmacist as the main facilitator:

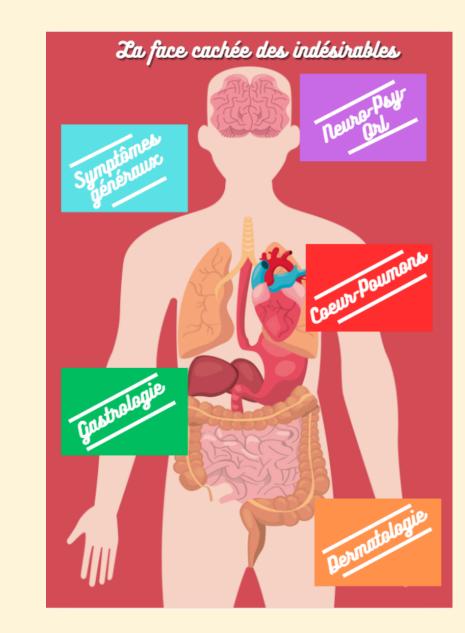
In the first part, patients are encouraged to share their personal experiences related to the drawn card.

Then, the **scenario cards** are presented to help patients manage these challenges in their daily lives.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

Developed tool is an educational and interactive board game

1 board



1 dice



56 cards divided in 6 categories









Dermatology





Gastroenterology

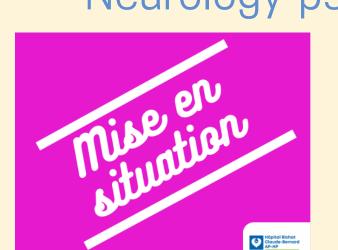
General symptoms





Heart-lungs

Neurology-psychology-ENT





Real life scenarios

The decision was made to limit the number of participants to 6, in order to allow everyone to express themselves and exchange freely



Duration of the workshop was theoretically set at **1.5 hours** but will need to be adjusted during the first workshops

WHAT NEXT?







It will be necessary to implement satisfaction surveys and patient follow-up on various criteria:

- emergency room visits
- number of calls after the session
- rating of side effects

