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## Who is Afraid of Psycho-oncology?

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The talk will focus on the contributions of psychooncology to the study and treatment of cancer. The major themes will be the role and contributions of psychooncology in medical cancer research and treatment. Special emphasis will be placed on discussing psychological risk factors in the occurrence of cancer, the cancer-prone personality, the impact of coping with cancer by the patients, of the interrelations between the patient and the health professionals, of provision of information and support to the patient and the family. The last part of the talk will be devoted to the role of emotional reactions including despair, anxiety, fear of death and depression and the contributions of hope and enhancement of the meaningfulness of life.

### 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).