

Experienced social support, coping strategies and attachment styles in cancer patients

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Identifying factors that are involved in the way social support is experienced by the patient when confronted with cancer.

Ethical review	Approved WMO
Status	Recruitment stopped
Health condition type	Other condition
Study type	Observational non invasive

Summary

ID

NL-OMON33356

Source

ToetsingOnline

Brief title

experienced social support in cancer patients

Condition

- Other condition
- Miscellaneous and site unspecified neoplasms benign

Synonym

cancer

Health condition

psychologische factoren

Research involving

Human

Sponsors and support

Primary sponsor: Medisch Spectrum Twente

Source(s) of monetary or material Support: Studie uit eigen middelen

Intervention

Keyword: attachment, cancer, coping, social support

Outcome measures

Primary outcome

The primary study parameters are:

- social support (as evaluated by the patient)
- coping strategies used
- attachment styles

Secondary outcome

Not applicable

Study description

Background summary

Cancer is a serious and potentially fatal illness. Scientific studies indicate that in case of life threatening diseases good social support is of great importance for the feeling of physical and emotional well being. However, reactions from the environment intended to be helpful are not always perceived as helpful by the patient. This indicates that in case of life threatening diseases social support can be an important source of assistance. At the same time there is little knowledge about what specific social reactions are perceived as helpful or not helpful. More knowledge about the factors that play a part in the way social support is experienced makes it possible to bring out groups of patients that are at risk for problems in adapting to cancer or adequately using available social support.

Study objective

Identifying factors that are involved in the way social support is experienced

by the patient when confronted with cancer.

Study design

Non experimental study with quantitative data collection. Patients are seen subacutely after diagnosis (4 - 6 weeks after diagnosis). There is one follow-up 6 months after diagnosis.

Study burden and risks

The current study consists of a questionnaire research (5 questionnaires) and is non-invasive. To prevent the study being unnessecary burdening for the subjects, questionnaires have been chosen that are short and minimally burdening. completing the questionnaires will take a maximum of one hour. Completing the questionnaires takes place when the patient is in the hospital, in combination with other (treatment)appointments. Thus, no extra appointments have to be planned to fill out the questionnaires. This study doesn't contain any notable mental heath risks. The study also doesn't interfere with the current medical treatment.

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Trial sites

Listed location countries

Netherlands

Eligibility criteria

Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

Inclusion criteria

- recently diagnosed malignity
- expected survival > 6 months
- age: 18 - 70 years old
- patient is legally competent
- informed consent

Exclusion criteria

- linguistic barrier
- any type of cancer with no indication for medication therapy
- diagnosis / suspicion of dementia
- no motivation to participate with the study

Study design

Design

Study type: Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 09-11-2009

Enrollment: 150

Type: Actual

Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 22-09-2009

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Twente (Enschede)

Approved WMO

Date: 23-02-2010

Application type: Amendment

Review commission: METC Twente (Enschede)

Study registrations

Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

In other registers

Register	ID
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Other	TC = 1962