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Doctor-patient relationship

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Title: Qualitative study of communicational barriers between men and GPs

Abstract

Background: The focus of this research is to explain inequalities in men's health within the context of cancer detection. Men has a lower estimated life span and a lower cancer survival rate than women. Current literature suggests multiple reasons for this, including differences in regular contact with a doctor. Also, it has been shown that men's educational level is closely related to their cancer survival rates.

Objective: This project investigates the doctor-patient communication and how early detection of cancer and minimising patient delay improves the survival rate for patients.

The aim is to gain a better understanding of men's relation to their own health and experiences from meetings with general practitioners and how it influences when and why they act following changes in sensation of their body.

The project will elaborate on how men experience potential symptoms and communicate them with their GP. The project aims to understand how communicational barriers can influence patient delay.

Methods: The qualitative data consist of 10 semi-structured interviews. The interviews are with male patients, who have experienced an urgent referral pathway for suspected cancer (kræftpakkeforløb), and GPs from Region Zealand.

Results: The presentation will be based on the initial analysis of qualitative interviews with attention to communicational tensions between how men and GPs experience the diagnostic meeting regarding the urgent referral pathway for suspected cancer.