



IMPRESS – Centering the patients’ resources: A stronger pathway toward improved urological cancer care

AIMS

In collaboration with patients and clinicians, we will develop and test a tool that systematically assesses cancer patients’ physical and psychosocial resources. The aim is to strengthen treatment planning and support vulnerable patients with kidney, bladder, and prostate cancer, where survival inequality is substantial. Knowledge generated by the tool will actively be used in MDT conferences to suggest more precise and optimized treatment plans, thereby contributing to reducing social inequality in urological cancer care.

The study began on 01 October 2025 and is expected to run until 30 September 2028 and is funded by the Danish Cancer Society.

METHODS

IMPRESS consists of three sub-studies:

- **Sub-study 1** develops the tool in collaboration with patients and clinicians and is expected to result in a short questionnaire, geriatric screening and a brief set of tests assessing physical function.
- **Sub-study 2** is a validation study aimed at determining whether the tool correctly identifies vulnerable patients. This includes examining content validity through expert panels and construct validity through screening and medical record review of 100 newly diagnosed patients.
- **Sub-study 3** investigates the tool’s feasibility among 50 patients through staff training, interviews, medical record audits, and observation of MDT meetings to assess usability, acceptability, and its impact on workflow.

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