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DANISH RESEARCH CENTER FOR EQUALITY IN CANCER

Work Package Title: What is at stake?

Aims: The overall aim is to investigate how social inequality in cancer outcomes is produced by exploring how patients who have e.g. no close relatives, short education or comorbidity, their relatives and health care professionals perceive of and engage in processes from diagnosis through treatment and rehabilitation to palliative care.

Methods: Explorative, qualitative and ethnographic research design.

Study 1, *Following the patients*, is an ethnographic study combining, participant-observation, go-along-conversation, and different form of interviews among 12-15 cancer patients from diagnosis and for appr. 6-8 months.

Study 2, *Following health professionals*, is an ethnographic study combining field studies, participant observations and interviews at three hospital wards that treat: melanoma, bladder-, prostate- and testicular cancer as well as lung cancer. We conduct 30 interviews with respectively doctors and nurses, and we observe 120 encounters in total.

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