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Decision-making for older patients with cancer during oncological multidisciplinary team meetings; is there a difference compared to younger patients

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Introduction

• Decision-making for older patients with cancer can be difficult, and frailty and patients preferences should be taken into account.

• Multidisciplinary teams play an important role in the decision-making process of patients with cancer.

• Aim: to assess whether the decision-making for older patients differs from younger patients in oncological MDT’s/tumor boards.
Method

- Prospective observational study.
- Observations on decision-making, time spend on each patient and quality of input of information.
- Using a validated observation tool: “Metric for the observation of decision-making” (Lamb et al)
Results

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Conclusion

• No differences between older and younger patients regarding discussion time and decision-making.

• Almost no information available regarding frailty and patient preferences.