

Danish Cancer Nursing Research Network – an insight and call to collaboration from Pia Olsen

Research in cancer nursing is pivotal for patients, their families and for the nursing profession. Cancer nurses have to deliver good quality care during the whole trajectory from pre-diagnosis to treatment, rehabilitation and palliation. However, the number of Danish nursing researchers within the cancer discipline is small and they work can be somewhat isolated all over Denmark.

The researchers could benefit from a stronger network and to collaborate across the country. In October 2016, the Danish Cancer Nursing Research Network was born. Members are nurses with a PhD, researching within different areas of the cancer discipline. The network is organised with a steering committee consisting of three members representing three of the five Danish regions, and at the moment we are about 30 Danish nursing researchers affiliated to the network.

The aim of the network is to:

- Draw national and international attention to nursing research to the benefit of cancer patients and their families
- Facilitate collaboration in cancer research among members
- Exert influence on a political level to promote developments in healthcare and to raise attention to the importance of nursing research.

The network has arranged three successful meetings, and is growing. The next meeting in April 2018 will also include PhD students.

The network is very interested in collaboration also at an international level, e.g. with EONS. If you would like to get in touch, contact Pia Olsen at pia.olsen@auh.rm.dk

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