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Developing an intervention to improve informed decision-making for oncology patients in South Africa.

I aim to develop and pilot a decision support intervention which will assist oncology patients to make informed treatment decisions throughout the illness continuum.

Based on the intervention mapping framework, using mixed methods, I will conduct a decision support needs analysis in three oncology clinics. I will conduct a mixed methods systematic review to identify effective patient-centered decision support aids, especially amongst vulnerable populations. I will be presenting the results of the review and needs analysis, to a stakeholder group including experts, patient advocates, and patients to then co-create a locally relevant cancer treatment decision support aid.

I expect to assist patients to make informed cancer treatment decisions using support aids which are effective, acceptable, and feasible to implement in our overburdened oncology clinics.

Research Task 2 and 5

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