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PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT NEED, TREATMENT WITHDRAWAL, SYMPTOM EXPERIENCE DURING HOME MANAGEMENT AND EFFECT OF SPIRITUAL MESSAGE ON TREATMENT WITHDRAWAL AMONG PATIENTS WITH BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER

The aim of this study is identifying predictors of psychosocial support need; treatment withdrawal and symptom experience during home management and effect of religious leaders' message on chemotherapy withdrawal among patients with breast and cervical cancer. To attain the objective Mixed Method Approach will be used. Patients with confirmed diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer will be followed. Five domains; physical need, emotional need, psychological need, spiritual need and social need will be assessed to investigate psychosocial support need. Randomized control trial will be used to see the effect of religious leaders' message on treatment withdrawal after initiation of chemotherapy. Both descriptive and inferential statistics will be used to identify important determinants. The study will not pose any harm to patients and anyone involved in this study.

I expect to reveal the tie between spirituality and cancer care in Ethiopian patients with focus on breast and cervical cancer. This study will let us to understand more about psychosocial support need and their predictors among patients with breast and cervical cancer.

Research Task 2

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