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Interval lengths and barriers to care for colorectal cancer patients in selected African Countries

My study aims to analyze the interval lengths between diagnosis and start of therapy in patients with colorectal cancer and to identify possible barriers to accessibility of therapy.

This is a cooperative project of the Global Health working group as part of the BMBF-funded project “Network for oncology Research in Africa” (NORA), in which the network of African cancer registries AFCRN is also involved.

The methodology involves a cooperative working to supplement a database from eight African epidemiological cancer registries using clinical documentation and telephone follow-up. Besides a questionnaire is used to assess self-reported barriers to guideline-compliant therapy initiation. As part of my study, I hope to be able to contribute at least a small part to improving the care of cancer patients in Africa.

Research Task 1

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