

Popular scientific project description for project funded by Ekhagastiftelsen

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Application number:	2020-76
Project title:	Development of an Evidence-Based Decision Aid on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) for Parents of Children with Cancer in Norway
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Project description: (max 150 words)

In Norway, the incidence of childhood cancer is approximately 15 per 100,000 children under the age of 15. Parents often choose Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) as supportive care for their children with cancer. CAM is often used to treat side effects of treatment, promote quality of life and well-being and to possibly “cure” the cancer itself. It is difficult for parents of children with cancer to find reliable and trustworthy information on CAM for supportive care. Physicians or other healthcare personnel have little to no knowledge on CAM. Existing trustworthy international platforms to advice patients contain no specific information on CAM use in children with cancer. The aim of this study is to develop, implement and validate an evidence-based decision aid for parents of children with cancer and healthcare professionals. The decision aid will enable them to make well-informed, individual decisions concerning CAM.

* Dates for project start and end should be the dates for which the grant is received (Not dates for total project if longer than period for which grant is received)