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The consequences of tumor surgery, from the patient's perspective

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The present study focuses on the patient's perception of the impact and consequences of tumor surgery. As patients are first confronted with the fact of having a cancer causing tumor the next medical step is preparing them for possible surgery. This event can be life changing and therefore it is essentiell to gather and analyse the patients opinion in retrospect.

The data is collected by personal interviews, which are recorded and then transcribed in compliance with the previously established transcription rules. The analysis will be conducted using the Mayring method. This will be a qualitative analysist because we want to get a subjectiv perception. Therefore we are using open questions and the respondent is able to answer as he likes.

The results can generate ground for future psychological hypotheses regarding doctor-patient interaction, sociological changes and cancer patients expectations.