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Translation and cultural adaption of SPICT™ in a Danish context

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Background:

In Denmark and internationally there is a need for early identification of patients with palliative care needs. The validated tool SPICT™ is used in other countries by health and care professionals to help them identify people at risk of deteriorating and dying with one or more advanced, progressive conditions or life-limiting illness. SPICT™ helps clinicians decide when it is time to look for unmet holistic care needs. The Danish National Health Board recommends the use of SPICT™. REHPA, Knowledge Center for Rehabilitation and Palliative Care, decided to translate SPICT™ into Danish aiming to cultural adapt the tool in a Danish context.

Results:

From the translation and cultural adaption (interviews), it seems that SPICT™ is feasible in a Danish context. However, it is important to take into account the different professional groups' understanding of SPICT™. It is recommended to use the tool in an interdisciplinary palliative care approach, as well as in educational contexts.

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Methods:

The translation was inspired partly by the TRAPD-translation model (Translation, Review, Adjudication, Pretesting, and Documentation) and partly by EORTC Quality of Life Translation Procedure in a forward-backward translation. Following the translation, SPICT™ was evaluated and discussed by 29 healthcare professionals in six focus group- and five individual interviews covering professionals in hospitals, primary care, and general practitioners.

Perspectives

SPICT™ is now translated and culturally adapted in a Danish context and is available for all healthcare professionals.

The next step is to develop national and local implementation strategies in hospitals, the primary sector and general practice.

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