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**A STUDY OF IMPROVING PATIENT-PHYSICIAN COMMUNICATION IN
ONCOLOGY CARE**

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ABSTRACT

The emotional and social difficulties of patients are now managed in accordance with established guidelines. According to the UK's NICE recommendations, psychological concerns should be routinely evaluated and addressed during oncology appointments. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) has released guidelines for the management of patient distress, which include a definition of distress that incorporates concepts from the realms of psychology, social work, and spirituality. The Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare has recognized the importance of psychological treatment for patients with breast, colon, and prostate cancer by including psychosocial considerations in the National Guidelines for Cancer treatment. Adding patient-reported outcomes (PROMs) like health-related quality-of-life (HRQoL) assessments to clinical practice is another strategy for fostering conversations about patients' physical and mental well-being. The use of PROMs into clinical practice has the potential to improve treatment outcomes by facilitating more educated medical decision making. Using HRQoL tests in ordinary cancer practice may improve patient-physician communication, the identification of psychological morbidity, and patients' emotional well-being, according to previous research.