

## Competence Network for Complementary Medicine in Oncology (KOKON II)

### Summary:

The interdisciplinary Competence Network for Complementary Medicine in Oncology (KOKON) is a nation-wide, multidisciplinary collaboration project. KOKON has been granted a second funding period of three years, by the German Cancer Aid. The aim of the project is to yield high quality information about complementary medicine in cancer therapy and to disseminate to the various target groups (patients, physicians, self-help). In addition, standards for education and training are being developed for professionals working in the field of oncology. The Institute for Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Health Economics, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin is in charge of two projects in cooperation with other national partners and international collaborators in advisory function: Prof. Dr. Claudia Witt is leading the Method Centre, which supervises all scientific proceedings and thus ensures the quality of procedures and data management within KOKON. In addition, a KOKON training for oncologists (KOKON-KTO), which consists of a modern e-learning and a workshop will be developed and evaluated in a cluster-randomised trial with 48 oncologists and 480 patients.

---

#### *Principal investigator:*

Horneber, MD, Nürnberg

#### *Project coordinator:*

Güthlin, PhD Frankfurt/Main

Rostock, MD, Hamburg

Längler, MD, Witten/Herdecke

Ritter, PhD, Greifswald

Schildmann, MD, Fürth

Weis, PhD, Freiburg

Wilhelm, MD, Nürnberg

Witt, MD, MBA Berlin

#### *Research associate:*

Helmer, PhD

Pach, MD

Rogge

#### *Data management:*

Icke

#### *Project coordination office:*

Bartsch

Eden

#### *Biometrics:*

Roll

#### *Project duration:*

2016-2019

#### *Project status:*

analysis phase

#### *Funding:*

German Cancer Aid (Deutsche Krebshilfe)

---

#### *Publication:*

Helmer SM, Rogge AA, Fischer F, Pach D, Horneber M, Roll S, Witt CM. Evaluation of a blended learning training concept to train oncology physicians to advise their patients about complementary and integrative medicine (KOKON-KTO): study protocol for a prospective, multi-center, cluster-randomized trial. *Trials*. 2019;20(1):90

Witt CM, Bartsch HH, Güthlin C, Lampert C, Längler A, Ritter CA, Rostock M, Schildmann J, Weis J, Wilhelm M, Horneber M. Kompetenznetz Komplementärmedizin in der Onkologie (KOKON) - Ein wissenschaftlicher Beitrag zur Verbesserung der Versorgung. *Forum*. 2017;32:416-432.