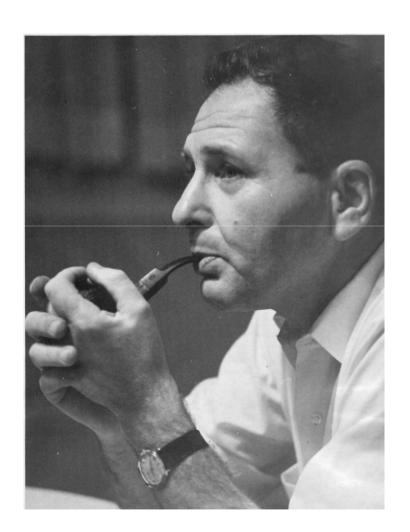


# Salutogeneses - perception of life quality

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# Salutogenesis

The mystery of health

The sense of coherence

General resistance resourses



#### Sense of coherence

.. 'a global orientation that expresses the extent to which one has a pervasiev, enduring though dynamic feeling of confidence .. (Antonovsky, 1987)



Comprehensibility
Manageability
Meaningfulness



#### General Resistant Resources

... 'a property of a person, a collective or a situation, which, as evidence or logic has indicated, facilitates successful coping with inherent stressors of human existence' (Antonovsky 1996)



- Personality traits
- Financial position
- Social support

Research has shown .....



#### Aim

..weather sense of coherence increases the perception of health related quality of life and sexual functioning in a 5-year perspective following prostatectomy



# Design

A longitudinal survey – mail out–mail in

Data collection at base line, 3 months and at 1, 2, 3 and 5 years following treatment



### Sample

Verbal approach by a urological specialized nurse at the first visit Written study information
Oral and written consent before given a set of questionnaires
Questionnaires sent by mail



# Participation

Baseline 222 men accepted participation

Year 5 167 remained (75.2%)



# Demographics (n=222)

**Age**, m (md), range 62 (65), 36-75 ys

Living with partner

Yes/No 181/19

**Education** 

Compulsory level 93

Post compulsory 48

University 25

**Employment/** 

Retired 56/86



#### Tumor stage (TNM-system)

T1 46 (66%)

T2 73 (33%)

T3 3 (1%)

Prostetectomy



#### Data collection

Orientation to life questionnaire, SOC (13 items)

EORTC, Health related Quality of Life, QLQ C-30 (30 items) PR-25, Prostate cancer specific (25 items)

Applied at base line, at 3 months after surgery and after 1 to 5 years



# Analysis / Statistical Tests

Nominal/ordinal data – Chi<sub>2</sub>

Linear relation – Spearman's rank correlation

Likelihood – Logistic regression



# Preliminary results



Table.1 Sense of coherence over 5 years of investigationm, m (min-max scores, 13-91)

		p=<0.05
Baseline	78	n=159
3 months	77	183
1 year	76	174
2 years	77	163
3 years	77	147
5 years	78	145 ns



# Table 2. Correlation between SOC and Quality of Life from EORTC QLQ C-30 over 5 years of investigation

		p=<0.05
SOC	Quality of Life	0.000



The logistic regression assessed the impact of QoL- and PR-25-variables on the likelihood that respondents would report a low SOC-value (dichotomized at mean value)



Different independent variables, through the years, made a unique statistically significant contribution to the model

When respondents scored low functioning or high grade of problems the QLQ C-30 and PR- 25 there was a risk of scoring a low SOC



Baseline Emotional functioning

3 mhs Quality of life

Diarrhoea

1 year Emotional functioning

Quality of life

Sleeping problems

Constipation

Financial issues



2 years Physical functioningEmotional functioningQuality of life

3 years Emotional functioning

Sleeping problems



5 years Emotionell functioning

Cognitive functioning

Pain

Hormone related problems



A common result through the years was that scoring problems in the Emotional variable was associated with low SOC, not surprisingly

Surprisingly though, that no sexual life variables were associated with low SOC



#### Conclusion

SOC was rated at the same level over 5 years – contradicting other research results

SOC level was rather low



# Few physical problems were associated with low SOC

Whereas emotional state and quality of life were



# Implications for nursing care

Somatic in-hospital care and primary care collaboration

Continues follow-up

Over the years emphases on cancer diagnosis surveillance

Focus on holism and not on the illness



#### Thank you for listening!



