

## **Determinants of patient–oncologist prognostic discordance in advanced cancer.**

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Suboptimal [communication](#) between patients and physicians can result in patients misunderstanding important aspects of their care. This study found that the majority of patients with [cancer](#) reported a more optimistic survival prognosis than their oncologists. These findings suggest the need to improve physician–patient communication about prognosis in order to ensure appropriate discussion of treatment decisions and goals.