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Do we believe that our mind causes cancer?

Professor Dr. Christoffer Johansen, Copenhagen

For centuries it has been discussed if psychological factors may cause cancer. In the population and also in the clinical world this is quite often assumed to be the case. Our personality, stress in everyday life or work related stress and depression or negative thoughts have all been pointed at as causing cancer. The evidence for this hypothesis is based on a number of studies and this presentation illustrates how the design of these epidemiological studies may be the main cause for associations, pointing to the need for more strict scientific criteria for causation or inference.