

Let's talk about bowel problems: the needs of rectal cancer survivors towards the healthcare professional

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Background

- More sphincter saving procedures in rectal surgery¹
- High expectations towards recovery after treatment²
- Confronted with the low anterior resection syndrome (LARS)³



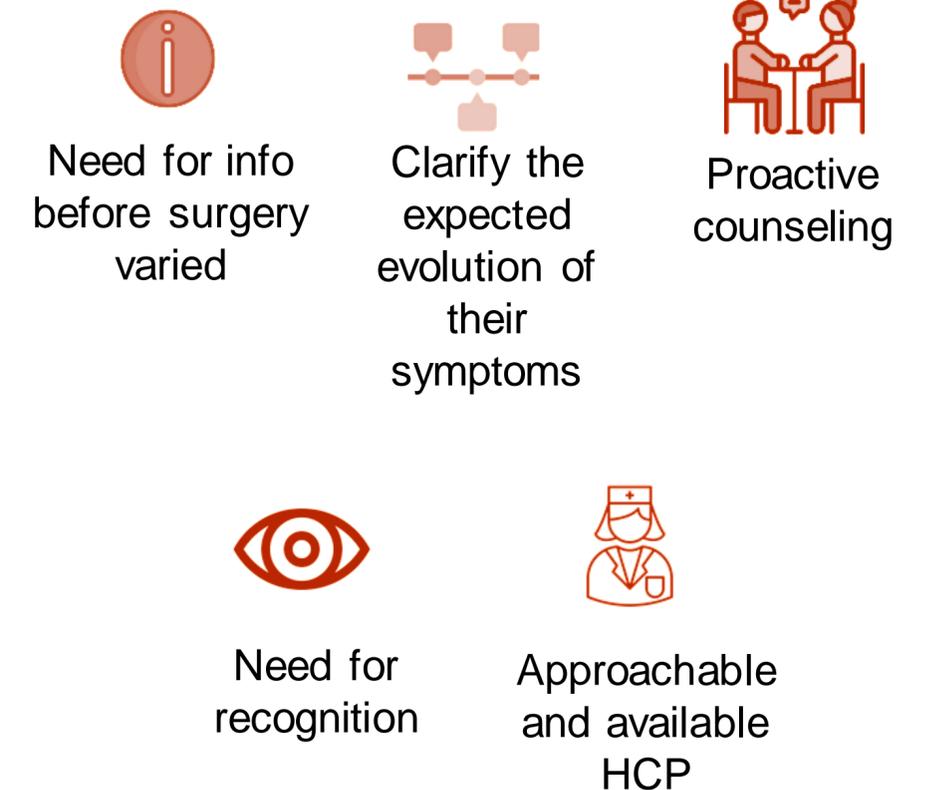
Methods

- Grounded theory approach
- Data collection
- Multicentre
- Individual semi-structured interviews
- Maximum variation sampling → theoretical sampling
- Data-analysis
- Constant comparative method
- Investigators triangulation

In- and exclusion criteria

- Adult patients
- Rectal cancer
- Major LARS
- Abdominoperineal resection
- Non-Dutch speaking

Results



Study Aim

Exploring experiences and needs of patients confronted with major LARS after rectal cancer treatment.

¹Muslow & Winter, 2011 World J. Gastroenterol

²Desnoo & Faithfull, 2006 Eur J cancer care

³Keane et al., 2020 colorectal dis

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