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*Exploring epidemiological and clinical aspects using
population-based data*

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1. Of all patients diagnosed with peritoneal metastases, almost half of them are diagnosed with less-known and understudied primaries in this respect being pancreatic-, lung-, endometrial-, biliary tract- or esophageal cancer. – *this thesis*
2. In colorectal cancer patients, the incidence of synchronous and metachronous peritoneal metastases is increasing and survival remains poor despite the improvement of treatment strategies for these patients. – *this thesis*
3. A primary tumor resection is not advised in all patients with extensive peritoneal metastases of colorectal origin, but this intervention can be considered in patients with symptoms or patients who prefer surgical treatment. – *this thesis*
4. Peritoneal metastases frequently occur in patients with gastric cancer at primary diagnosis and recurrence of peritoneal disease after potentially curative treatment is also common, especially in patients with a diffuse type gastric cancer. – *this thesis*
5. This thesis utilizes nationwide data, and thereby enables the evaluation of peritoneal metastases as it is presented in a real-life setting which can be helpful in guiding the decision-making process for treatment and follow-up between clinicians and their patients in every day clinical practice. – *impact paragraph*
6. By asking the right questions with the right data and the right methods, real-world data has the potential to close gaps in our knowledge of cancer and to identify gaps between evidence and practice that will ultimately lead to improved patient care and outcomes. – *Christopher Booth (Nature, 2019)*
7. New imaging modalities, less invasive surgery, (nanomedicine) and targeted therapies are the basis on which a new era of intraperitoneal therapy is being built, which will bring long-term improvements in patient outcomes in patients with peritoneal metastases. – *Delia Cortés-Guiral (Nature, 2021)*
8. The purpose of a doctor should not be simply delaying the death of the patients but to increase the quality of life. – *Patch Adams*
9. The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease. – *William Osler*
10. One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. – *Marie Curie*