

Systematic review	
Databases	
	PubMed
Search terms	
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1. Cancer ti,ab	cancer OR tumour OR tumor OR neopla* OR malignan* OR carcinoma
2. Delay ti, ab	barrier* OR delay* OR access OR late OR interval
3. Diagnosis and treatment ti, ab	diagnos* OR presentation OR intervention OR referral OR consult* OR treatment OR therap*
4. countries ti,ab	angola OR benin OR botswana OR burkina faso OR burundi OR cameroon OR cameron OR cape verde OR cabo verde OR central african republic OR ubangi shari OR chad OR comoros OR comoro islands OR iles comores OR congo brazzaville OR congo democratic republic OR democratic republic of congo OR congo OR zaire OR cote d ivoire OR cote divoire OR ivory coast OR djibouti OR french somaliland OR equatorial guinea OR eritrea OR ethiopia OR gabon OR Gabonese republic OR gambia OR ghana OR gold coast OR guinea OR guinea bissau OR kenya OR lesotho OR basutoland OR liberia OR madagascar OR malagasy OR malawi OR nyasaland OR mali OR mauritania OR mauritius OR mozambique OR namibia OR niger OR nigeria OR réunion OR rwanda OR Ruanda OR sao tome OR principe OR senegal OR seychelles OR sierra leone OR somalia OR south africa OR south sudan OR sudan OR swaziland OR tanzania OR tanganyika OR togo OR togolese republic OR uganda OR zambia OR zimbabwe OR africa OR african
5. Qualitative search terms	qualitative* OR narrative* OR interview* OR focus group* OR grounded theory*

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4. Sub-Saharan Africa ti, ab	angola:ti,ab OR benin:ti,ab OR botswana:ti,ab OR 'burkina faso':ti,ab OR burundi:ti,ab OR cameroon:ti,ab OR cameron:ti,ab OR 'cape verde':ti,ab OR 'cabo verde':ti,ab OR 'central african republic':ti,ab OR 'ubangi shari':ti,ab OR chad:ti,ab OR comoros:ti,ab OR 'comoro islands':ti,ab OR 'iles comores':ti,ab OR 'congo brazzaville':ti,ab OR 'congo democratic republic':ti,ab OR 'democratic republic congo':ti,ab OR congo:ti,ab OR zaire:ti,ab OR 'cote divoire':ti,ab OR 'cote d ivoire':ti,ab OR 'ivory coast':ti,ab OR djibouti:ti,ab OR 'french somaliland':ti,ab OR 'equatorial guinea':ti,ab OR eritrea:ti,ab OR ethiopia:ti,ab OR gabon:ti,ab OR 'gabonese republic':ti,ab OR gambia:ti,ab OR ghana:ti,ab OR 'gold coast':ti,ab OR guinea:ti,ab OR 'guinea bissau':ti,ab OR kenya:ti,ab OR lesotho:ti,ab OR basutoland:ti,ab OR liberia:ti,ab OR madagascar:ti,ab OR malagasy:ti,ab OR malawi:ti,ab OR nyasaland:ti,ab OR mali:ti,ab OR mauritania:ti,ab OR mauritius:ti,ab OR mozambique:ti,ab OR namibia:ti,ab OR niger:ti,ab OR nigeria:ti,ab OR réunion:ti,ab OR rwanda:ti,ab OR ruanda:ti,ab OR 'sao tome':ti,ab OR 'principe':ti,ab OR senegal:ti,ab OR seychelles:ti,ab OR 'sierra leone':ti,ab OR somalia:ti,ab OR 'south africa':ti,ab OR 'south sudan':ti,ab OR sudan:ti,ab OR swaziland:ti,ab OR tanzania:ti,ab OR tanganyika:ti,ab OR togo:ti,ab OR 'togolese republic':ti,ab OR uganda:ti,ab OR zambia:ti,ab OR zimbabwe:ti,ab OR africa:ti,ab OR african:ti,ab
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