

Dementia Care in Oncology – Exploring the care of persons with dementia during cancer diagnosis and treatment

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This leaflet will tell you all about who I am, to help you support me.

Name I like to be called

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Therapeutic Radiographer



North West

Radiotherapy Specialised Services
Clinical Network

Leading development of Regional Radiotherapy
Research Strategy

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DUAL-RT

Dementia & Cancer: **Underst**anding
Lived Experiences in **Radio**Therapy

Why is this necessary?



**Rising Age and Disease
Prevalence**



**Global ageing
increases dementia
cases and cancer
diagnoses, leading to
more patients with
both conditions.**



Care Disparities



**Patients with both
dementia and cancer
face delays in
diagnosis, less
treatment access, and
higher mortality rates.**

Research Questions

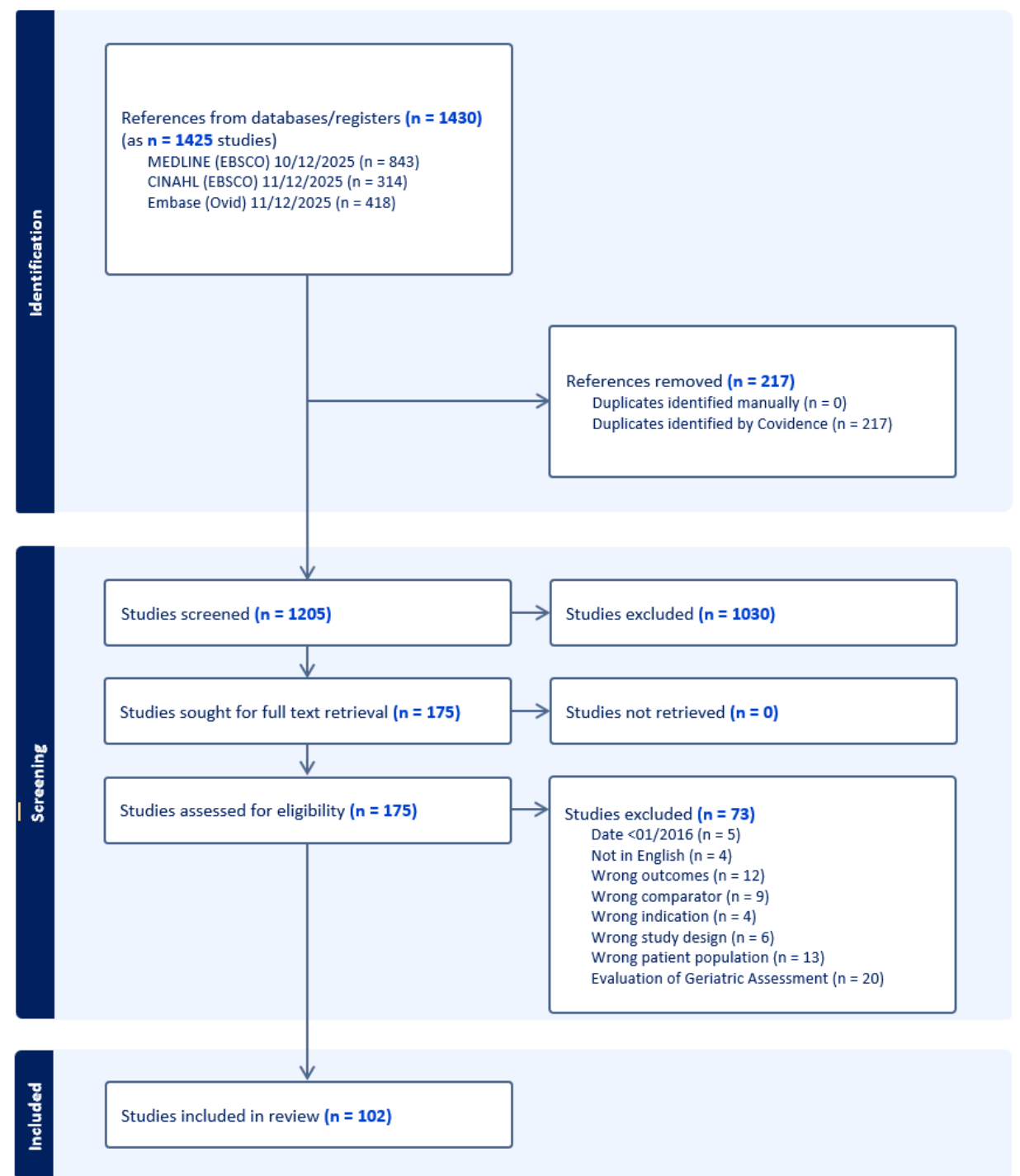
What is known about the support and care given to persons living with dementia during a cancer diagnosis and treatment?

1. What type of research has been conducted in this field?
2. How is the patient voice captured in this research?
3. What policies are in place to support the care of this patient group?
4. Can patient or carer experience be mapped across the full oncology pathway?



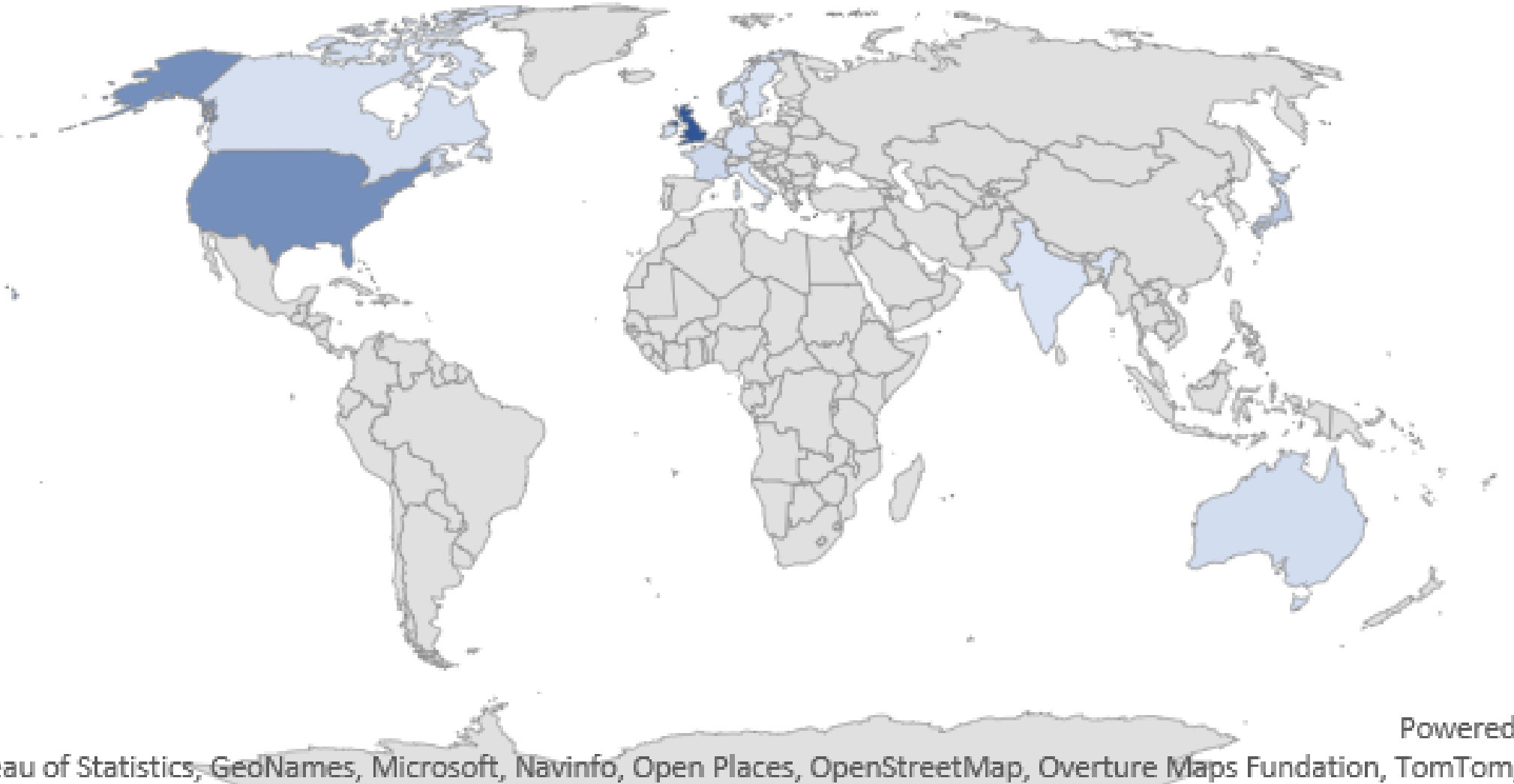
PRISMA Flow Diagram:

The flow of information through phases of the scoping review



Geographical Mapping

Country	Studies
UK	45
US	27
Japan	9
France	4
Australia	3
Ireland	1
Sweden	1
Norway	1
Canada	2
Germany	2
India	1
Italy	1



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Pathway Mapping



Screening & Diagnosis

Inequalities to access contributing to advanced diagnosis



Decision making

Complex and highly subjective.
Most researched topic area.



Treatment Delivery

Less likely to receive surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.



Hospital Based Care

Hospital services are often poorly adapted



Survivorship

Poorer outcomes, including reduced survival

The Role of the Carer

- Facilitate communication
- Support decision making
- Advocate for patients



Radiotherapy Specifics

28

articles include
reference to
radiotherapy

13

in detail

57%

of radiotherapy
research was
conducted in UK

2

relate to
professional
confidence in
supporting
dementia patients

1

looks at role
expansion of
radiographers for
supporting
dementia
patients

How does the evidence translate to practice?



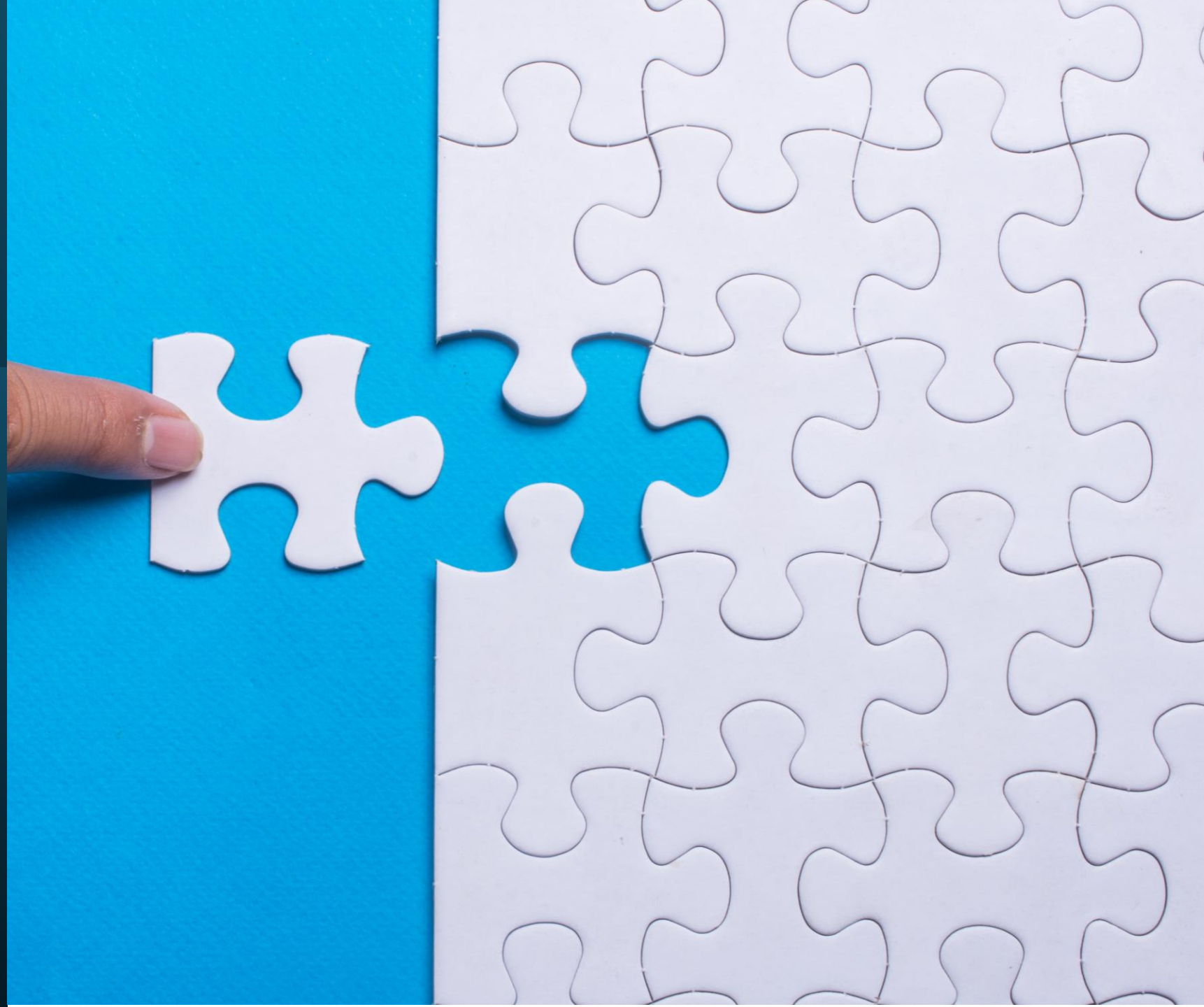
Identifying the Gaps:

Lived experience

Screening Support

Radiotherapy
Support

Care in the
community



Future Work

Radiotherapy Experiences

Lived Experiences

Ethnographic Approach

Thank you

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