

RECOMMENDATIONS for researchers

Basic Publications on cancer in NAKO:

Ascertainment of Cancer Cases in the German National Cohort (NAKO): Methods and Initial Results.

Katzke VA, Arndt V, Greiser KH, et al. *Dtsch Arztebl Int.* **2026** Aug 7;123(16):439-446. doi: 10.3238/arztebl.m2026.0061. PMID: 42240299

[Self-reported cancer in the German National Cohort (NAKO Gesundheitsstudie): assessment

methods and first results]. Nimptsch K, Jaeschke L, Chang-Claude J, et al. *Bundesgesundheitsblatt*

Gesundheitsforschung Gesundheitsschutz. **2020** Apr;63(4):385-396. doi: 10.1007/s00103-020-03113-y. PMID: 32179962 German.

Recommendations:

- For time-to-event analyses, apply and use **age** at recruitment and at diagnosis of incident cancer
- For cancer registry data: completeness date shall be used as censoring date for non-cases (varies by federal state cancer registry)
- Use **age as the underlying timescale** in time-to-event analyses, e.g. Cox regression (age at recruitment until age at diagnosis/censoring)
- Adjustment for age in 5-year categories recommended, or birth cohort

Contact

[Expert](#) Group Cancer diseases

The tasks of the expert group are

- Researching the occurrence, frequency and possible causes of cancer development within the NAKO participants.
- Comparison of all NAKO participants with the cancer registries of the federal states.

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