

Why is survivorship an emerging issue?

- increased number of survivors due to:
 - early diagnosis
 - new & more effective treatments
- lack of survivorship care



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Who are patient survivors?

4.5% → 20 mn*

- patients with acute cancer
- patients with chronic cancer
- patients declared cured of cancer

7 mn*

*EUROCARE study (in press: *International Journal of Epidemiology*), the study included adults aged 15-74 years

Cancer Survivors are at risk of having a low quality of life. Why?

- long-term side effects of treatment
- cancer-related comorbidities
- reaction to stress
- stigma & discrimination
- socio-economic status
- access to quality healthcare and rehabilitation services



What are the policy implications?

- ensure that cancer survivorship research is an integrated component of a translational cancer research continuum
- long term follow-up of patients
- promote social issues such as access to work and the Right to be Forgotten law

