



Transforming Breast Cancer Together

Bridging the Gap in Breast Cancer Care



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Agenda



Welcome and introduction: MEP Frances Fitzgerald and MEP Patrizia Toia

Keynote address: Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Panel 1 - Addressing an unmet need in breast cancer care

Marzia Zambon, External Affairs Director, Europa Donna

Barbara Wilson, Director and Founder, Working With Cancer

Grazia Scocca, Legal Expert, the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC)

Dr Fatima Cardoso, Director Breast Unit, Champalimaud Clinical Centre and Chair ABC Global Alliance

Panel 2 - Tackling gaps in breast cancer care

MEP Alessandra Moretti, Member of the European Parliament (S&D)

Ciarán Nicholl, Head of the Health in Society Unit, JRC, European Commission

Dr Isabel T. Rubio, President, EUSOMA and President-elect ESSO

Addressing an unmet need in breast cancer care

Panel 1 speakers



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Europe's Beating cancer Plan: Bridging the gap in Breast Cancer Care



The State of Breast Services in the European Countries

Marzia Zambon

Director of External Affairs

15 October 2020

EUROPA DONNA: 47 Member Countries



Engaging in physical activity, maintaining a normal body weight and eating a healthy diet can help your breast health

Ensure that all European Women have Access to Accurate Information and Quality Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

2020 Survey: Breast Services in Europe



Fifty-two questions, divided into five sections:

- Your country and breast cancer care
- Mammography screening and diagnosis
- Specialist Breast Units
- Metastatic Breast Cancer
- Miscellaneous, including Covid-19/cancer care

Respondents: 34 Countries **24 from the European Union**

Albania, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and Ukraine



Allocation of Costs in Cancer Care



- National Health-care:
 - 79% National Public Level
 - 21 % Regional Level with National Control
- Breast cancer care:
 - 53% Public Health Facilities
 - 47% mix of Private and Public facilities
- 84% Costs paid by Public Health System
- 52% costs for genetic or genomic testing and certain diagnostic tests to be covered privately
- 76% Cost of supplementary aids (wigs, prostheses, lymphatic drains are (partially) reimbursed



Your Country and Breast Cancer Care



- 79% countries have national programmes/campaigns for primary prevention
- 87,5% EU Countries
- **59% NO committee/advisory board/group in national parliament/government, dealing with breast cancer**
- 54% countries have legislation protecting or implementing BC survivors' right to return to work
- 42% countries have legislation protecting or implementing survivors' right to access insurance
- 12% countries have passed "right to be forgotten" legislation for cancer survivors: ► **Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Israel**



Mammography Screening and Diagnosis



- 74% Organised Population-based BC Screening Programme
 - 83,3% EU Countries
- 68% Women 50-69 invited to mammography screening every two years
 - 75% EU Countries
- 62% Screening through state-of-the-art technology
- 94% of women diagnosed with BC begin treatment within a reasonable time from diagnosis



Specialist Breast Units (SBUs)



- 55% have SBU with MDTs. Of these:
 - 53% large enough to enable a minimum of 150 newly diagnosed cases of BC and treat at least 50 cases of MBC per year
 - 66% of SBUs have MDTs, some do not have a data manager or specially trained breast care nurses
 - 71% SBUs offer state-of-the-art equipment and technology and high levels of treatment
- ***34% of countries have a certification/accreditation system for SBUs and 41% have an authority in charge of monitoring the quality of SBUs***



Metastatic Breast Cancer



- 35,29% of women who have been diagnosed with MBC DO NOT have access to services within a SBU
- 50% say there is a lack of programmes and services providing counselling, employment and return-to work advice, addressing financial concerns, insurance coverage and family issues
- 65,63 % say there are very few registries for MBC cases



Conclusions

➤ National Cancer Plans



➤ Screening Programs



➤ Timely Treatment



➤ Specialist Breast Units



➤ Genetic Counselling



➤ Accreditation



➤ MBC Care





Thank you!

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Cancer & Work: The Unmet Needs of EU Breast Cancer Patients

Barbara Wilson
15th October 2020

Europe, Cancer, Work

- Breast cancer incidence 2018 approx. 404,920. or 1 in 8
- 56% are working age
- Most cancer survivors of working age want to work but fewer than two-thirds of employees have returned to work/are working 1 year post diagnosis.
- **2013 showed loss of working days due to cancer cost Eur 9.43bn**



Typical work challenges for breast cancer survivors

1. Most breast cancer survivors don't understand their cancer, or the side effects of treatment on their work, or that recovery is not linear
2. Most employers don't understand this either so don't provide adequate support
3. And neither are equipped to talk about cancer
4. Most health care professionals provide inadequate information about work and cancer
5. In the EU:
 - Huge disparity and inequalities in employment practices
 - Employers 'do not consider job preservation approaches that acknowledge patient's residual work capacity'.*

* ECPC CHALLENGING THE EUROPE OF DISPARITIES IN CANCER

Challenges for those with advanced breast cancer.

- Life changing, side effects: physical, cognitive, psychological. Persistent, invisible, fluctuating
- Uncertainty about periods of wellness and changing treatment plans make a standard working week almost impossible
- Employers' and colleagues ignorance about life expectancy of those with advanced/metastatic cancer
- Inflexible working policies and practices

But that doesn't mean they can't work

What the EBCP should include

- Create a **dashboard** which measures and monitors return to work in each country.
- Make it **illegal to discriminate** vs those with cancer (or any chronic illness) and establish **'the right to be remembered'** so employers provide adjustments and support when/if employees disclose their cancer.
- Make **flexible working** a 'Day 1' right for any employee able to work from home – COVID-19 has shown this is possible for many.

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The Right to be forgotten: putting an end to discrimination

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan : Bringing the gap in Breast Cancer Care

Grazia Scocca, Legal Specialist



CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Cancer survivors need “**the Right to be Forgotten**”



France passed legislation in
January 2016



Belgium passed
legislation in **March
2018**











Luxembourg adopted a
Convention between the
Ministry of Health and the
Association of Insurance and
Reinsurance Companies
(ACA) in **October 2019**

What about all other EU Countries?

Why not for ALL EU citizens? A new European Right

THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN FRANCE, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

KEY-ASPECTS OF THE PROVISION:	FRANCE	BELGIUM	LUXEMBOURG
Shorter terms for cancer with better prognosis			
Shorter terms for childhood cancer survivors (>18 or >21)	 <u>≥21</u>		 <u>≥18</u>
Obligation to declare the disease	There is no obligation to declare, except for the cases of cancer diseases listed in the referred table with shorter terms to apply the right to be forgotten		There is no obligation to declare, except for the cases of cancer diseases listed in the referred table with shorter terms to apply the right to be forgotten
Restrictions to the amount of money to borrow	 Max. amount € 320,000 euros For consumer loans, under 17,000 € no request to fill out a health questionnaire	No limitation	 Max. amount 1,000,000 €
Financial instruments accessible	The Rights to be forgotten applies to consumers, real estate and professional loan insurance.	The Right to be forgotten concerns mortgage and professional loans.	The Right to be forgotten involves outstanding insurance for a loan or estate loans for the acquisition of the main residence or professional facilities



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A right to be forgotten for cancer survivors: A legal development expected to reflect the medical progress in the fight against cancer



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ABSTRACT

The aim of the article is to draw attention about cancer survivors and the challenging obstacles to tackle, once the cure is declared. In particular, one of the most neglected issues for cancer survivors concerns the financial toxicity and specifically the possibility to get access to mortgages, loans or life insurances.

The issue concerns more than 12 million cancer survivors in Europe. The practices of creditworthiness assessments are mostly self-regulated by private actors, including the collection and the evaluation of health information and data related to the applicant.

In 2016, France adopted a law on the Right to Be Forgotten in this purpose. The same initiative has been implemented later on by Belgium and Luxembourg.

The article analyses the content of these legislative initiatives, to disseminate their objectives and promote further perspectives of development to avoid any risk of discrimination for cancer survivors throughout EU.

The goal of this study is to promote political solutions, taking into consideration the progress of Medicine and the implementation of legal principles and social values. The article will also provide the opportunity to spread the debate about the social needs of cancer survivors, highlighting the attention about the necessity to provide them with a specific status in the national and European policies, avoiding discrimination and financial toxicity.

The study is part of a broader investigation on the right to be forgotten into the EU Area, still ongoing. For this article, the analysis is limited to the three EU Member States that recently adopted a specific legal framework on the issue, underlying the importance to regulate this aspect marked by the increasing success of therapies of cancers.

Thank you!



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EUROPE'S BEATING
CANCER PLAN:
BRIDGING THE GAP
IN BREAST CANCER CARE



15 OCTOBER 2020, 12:00-13:30 CEST

Breast cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in women in Europe. Despite recent advancements, disparities in treatment and care between and within EU countries remain. Breast cancer still represents a major threat to European citizens and society as it has a profound social and emotional impact, and is also a huge personal and professional burden for patients, survivors and their families. However, numerous issues and challenges of living with early and advanced breast cancer are not well recognised by the general public and policymakers.

To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Transforming Breast Cancer Together members would like to shed light on the challenges and often invisible realities of living with early and advanced breast cancer. During the event, we aim to present recent studies and ongoing initiatives focused on addressing the unmet needs in early and advanced breast cancer care, raise awareness around the burden of the disease and facilitate the discussion with EU stakeholders and policymakers about the daily challenges patients face. Also, we will discuss how Europe's Beating Cancer Plan can bring yet better outcomes to European patients, their families and society.

We look forward to seeing you.

KEYNOTE:

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- **The European Commission (TBC)**

The event will be moderated by Petra Wilson,
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ABC Global Alliance Awareness Campaign Invisible Woman 2.0

A multi-stakeholder approach in optimising ABC patients' needs

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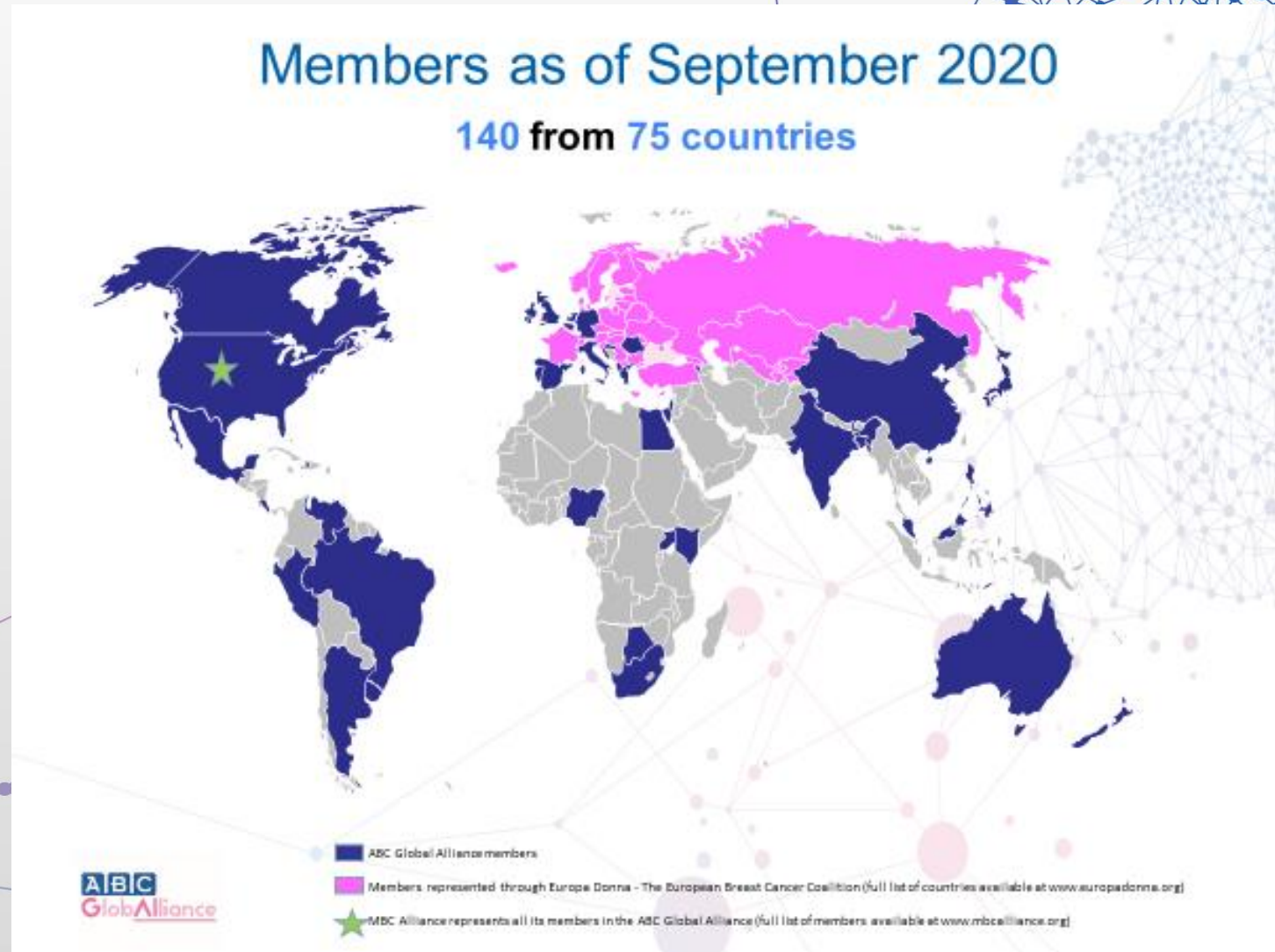
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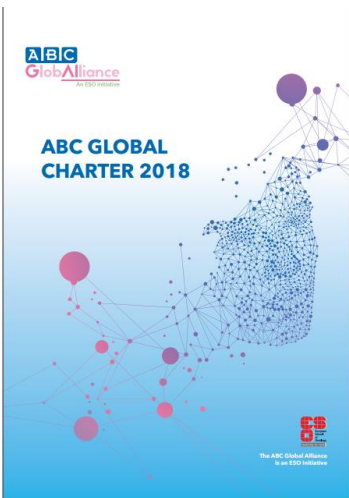
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ABC Global Charter

10 goals for the next 10 years

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEFINES MOST URGENT AND ACTIONABLE GOALS

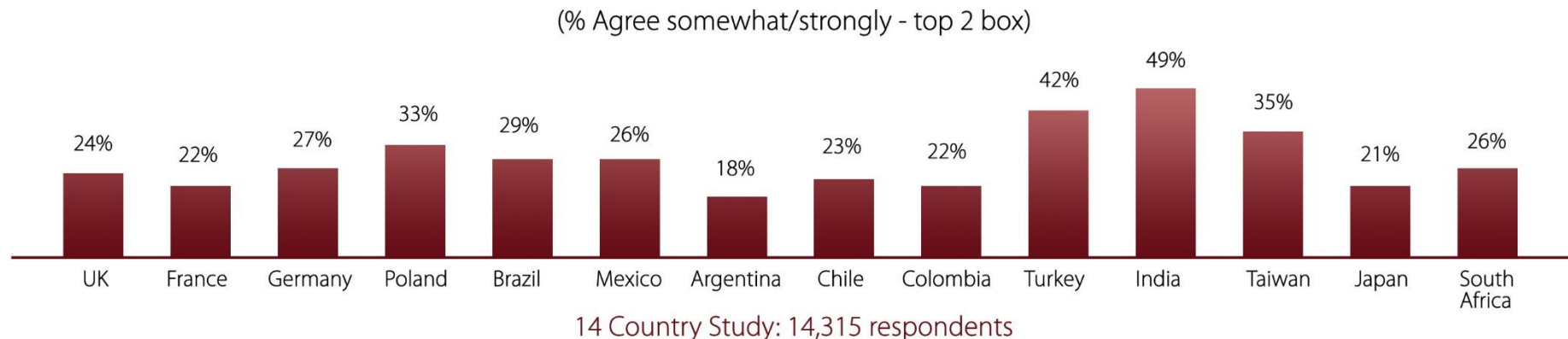
Done with (almost) all different stakeholders involved in ABC

- 1 HELP PATIENTS WITH ABC LIVE LONGER BY DOUBLING ABC MEDIAN OVERALL SURVIVAL BY 2025
- 2 ENHANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT ABC BY INCREASING THE COLLECTION OF HIGH QUALITY DATA
- 3 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) OF PATIENTS WITH ABC
- 4 ENSURE THAT ALL PATIENTS WITH ABC RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT AND CARE BY INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF ACCESS TO CARE FROM A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM
- 5 IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS (HCP) AND PATIENTS WITH ABC THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING FOR HCPS
- 6 MEET THE INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF PATIENTS WITH ABC BY USING EASY TO UNDERSTAND, ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION MATERIALS AND RESOURCES
- 7 ENSURE THAT PATIENTS WITH ABC ARE MADE AWARE OF AND ARE REFERRED TO NON-CLINICAL SUPPORT SERVICES
- 8 COUNTERACT THE STIGMA AND ISOLATION ASSOCIATED WITH LIVING WITH ABC BY INCREASING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONDITION
- 9 ENSURE THAT PATIENTS WITH ABC HAVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY
- 10 HELP PATIENTS WITH ABC CONTINUE TO WORK BY IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THEIR RIGHTS TO WORK AND ENSURE FLEXIBLE AND ACCOMMODATING WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENTS

Public perceptions may perpetuate the stigma and isolation for mBC patients

On average, **28%** of the general population indicated that patients with mBC should **keep it a secret** and **not discuss it** with anyone other than their physician

Percentage of respondents that felt people with advanced or metastatic breast cancer should not talk about it with anyone other than their physician



8 (Goal n° 8)

COUNTERACT THE STIGMA AND ISOLATION ASSOCIATED WITH LIVING WITH ABC BY INCREASING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONDITION

Awareness Campaign

The screenshot shows the ABC GlobAlliance website. At the top left is the logo with 'ABC' in blue boxes and 'GlobAlliance' in pink. To the right is a search bar with the text 'SEARCH HERE.' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo is a green navigation menu with the following items: 'About Us', 'Who We Are', 'ABC Global Charter', 'ABC Conference and Guidelines', 'Events and Initiatives', 'News and useful resources', 'Contact us', and 'Reserved Area'. The main content area features a video player with a grid of six diverse individuals' faces. Overlaid on the video is the text '"I AM ADVANCED BREAST CANCER"' in large white letters, and a 'WATCH THE VIDEO' button in the bottom right corner of the video frame.

The Invisible Woman 2.0
A pan-European research
Campaign Assets



2013

Launch of Here&Now
Campaign

The Invisible Woman
report



2020

MyTimeOurTime
Campaign

The Invisible Woman 2.0
report

← Same questionnaire →

A total of 98 respondents reached in 8 EU countries, majority of them are carers

8 Countries 98 Respondents 36% Patients 64% Carers

30 minute computer assisted web interview (CAWI)

BELGIUM	
TOTAL	4
NETHERLANDS	
TOTAL	4
FRANCE	
TOTAL	25
SPAIN	
TOTAL SAMPLE	26



SWEDEN	
TOTAL	5
POLAND	
TOTAL	5
ITALY	
TOTAL	26
ISRAEL	
TOTAL SAMPLE	3

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Key headlines: personal impact

INITIAL BC DIAGNOSIS



At initial diagnosis of BC, patients spontaneously expressed **fear, shock, grief** and **depression** – similar emotions to those seen in 2013

aBC DIAGNOSIS



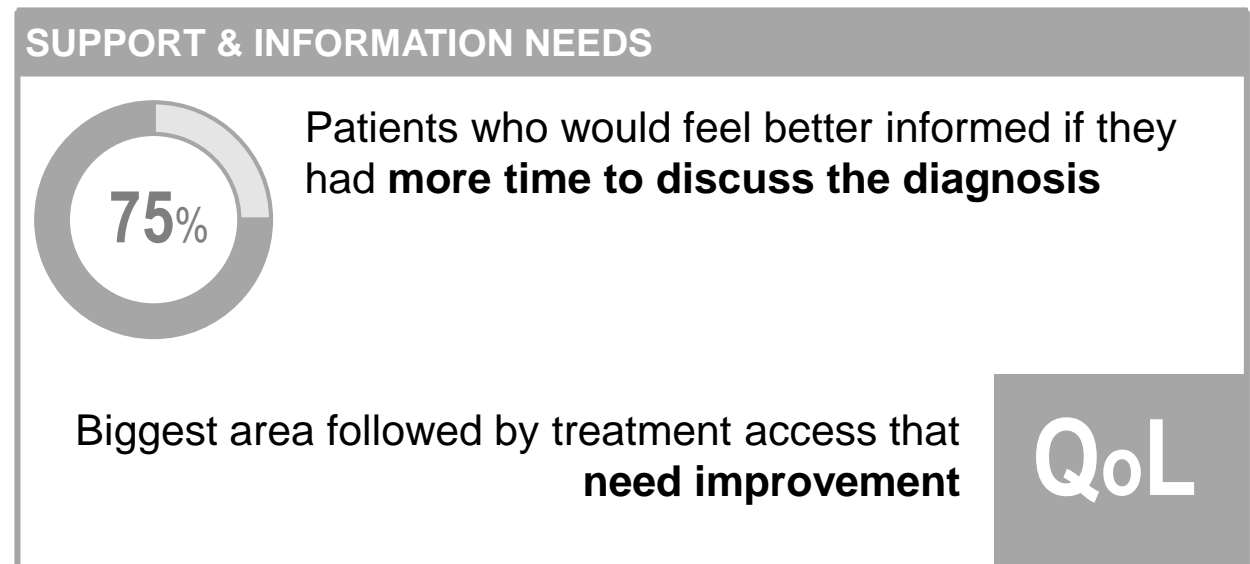
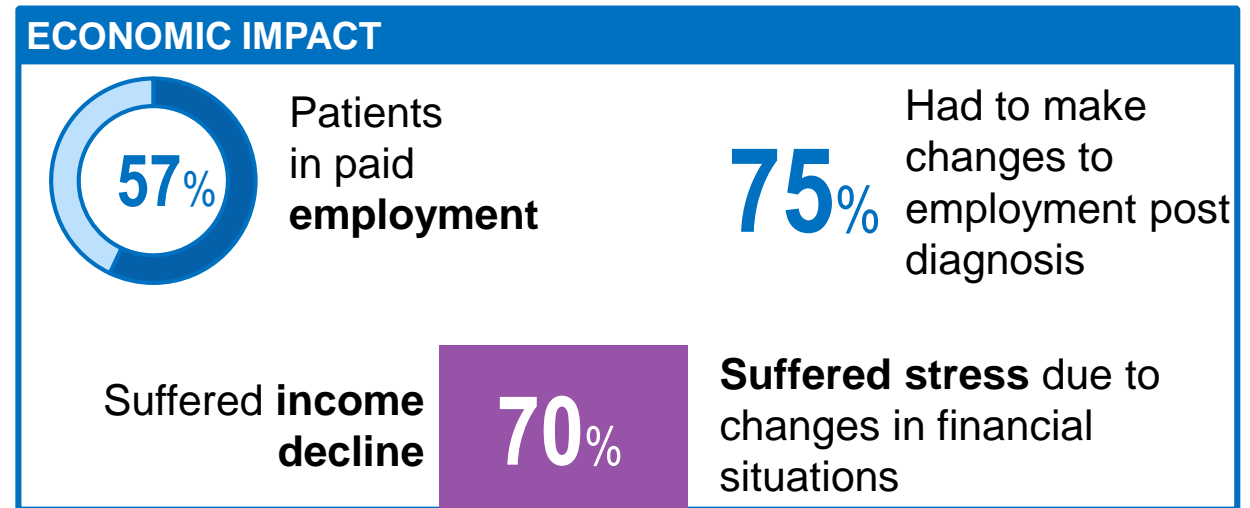
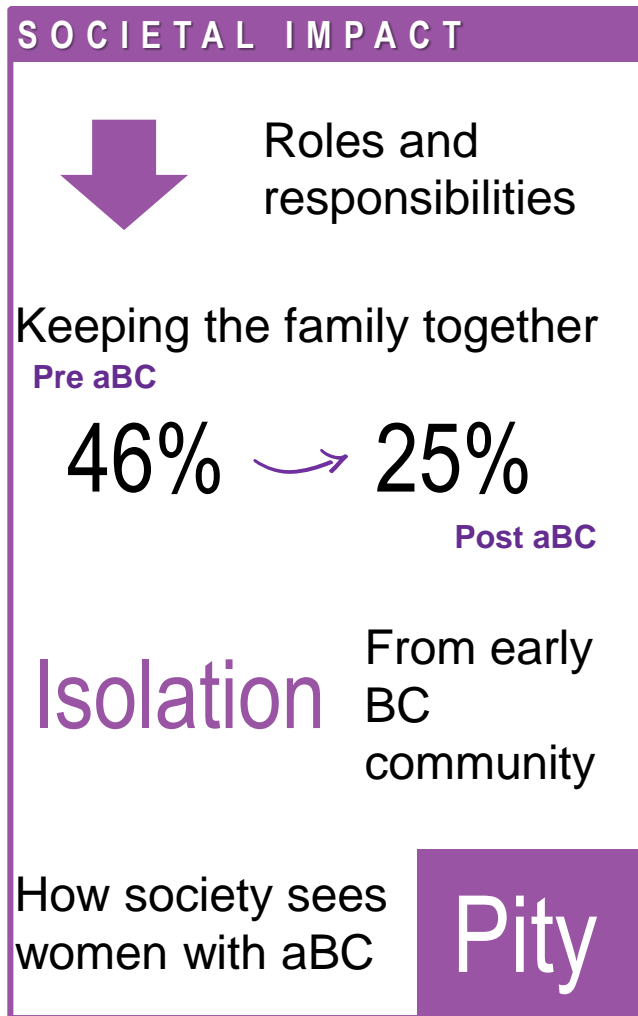
The aBC diagnosis takes a **huge emotional toll**, with 58% of patients (vs 37% in 2013) stating that they have **lost confidence** since diagnosis

THESE DAYS



In physical terms, nearly 60% (vs 50% in 2013) of patients say that they now have **pain and discomfort** that interferes with daily life; 43% (vs 30% in 2013) require **help** from family members **for personal care**

Key headlines: societal & economic impact & information needs



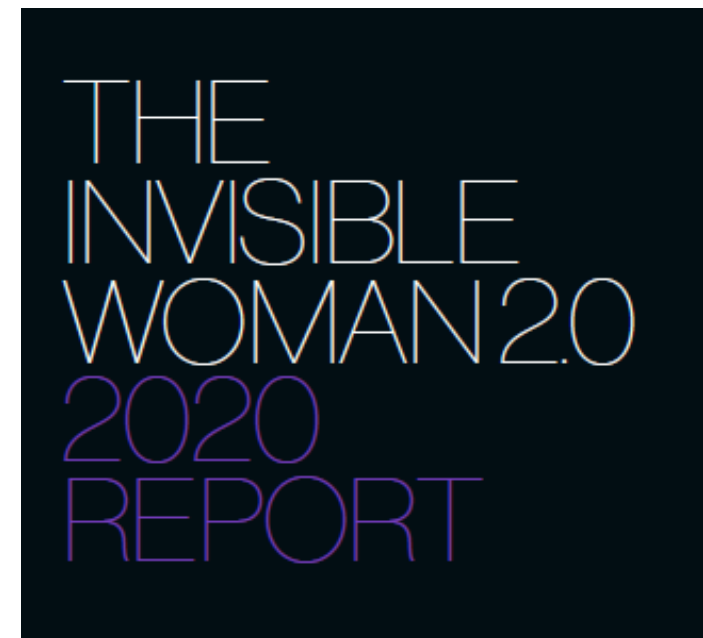
% of respondents

The Invisible Woman 2.0 report - Five years on

A report that highlights what's changed and what remains the same for women with ABC from a societal, psychological and financial perspective - since the first report was launched in 2013.

Check the full report at:

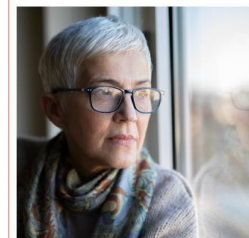
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Introduction

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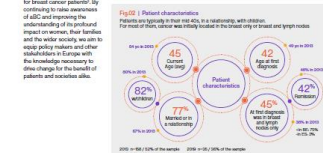
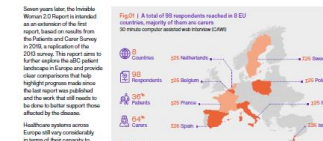


The first Invisible Woman Report based on the latest ABC Patient and Care Survey, published in 2013, aimed to raise awareness of aBC and provide pioneering insights into the impact of the disease on patients, families, society and economies across Europe. The survey showed that many women with aBC were suffering from psychological, social and financial hardships. Support and guidance were offered, but they were insufficient. Patients and carers were often unable to get adequate information about aBC,

and they often felt depressed, worried and hard to take on life responsibilities and had to give up paid employment or reduce the hours that they worked. They were also less able to look after their families. The report had also shown light on the role of the carers that women aged 65+ take in caring for their loved ones and recommendations on how these findings could be used to improve care and support for those affected by aBC.

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This report aims to further explore the aBC patient landscape in Europe and provide clear comparisons that help highlight progress made since the last report was published and the work that still needs to be done to better support those affected by the disease.



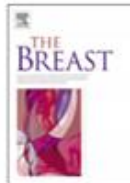


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Review

A multi-stakeholder approach in optimising patients' needs in the benefit assessment process of new metastatic breast cancer treatments[☆]



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A multi-stakeholder approach in optimising patients' needs in the benefit assessment process of new metastatic breast cancer treatments

Optimising patients' needs in the benefit assessment process of new metastatic breast cancer treatments

Not all issues relevant to MBC patients are consistently considered in the current benefit assessment process of new treatments

Multi-stakeholder group was established to examine the challenges in current MBC treatment decision making processes and issue **key policy recommendations**.

This paper calls on decision makers to:

- (1) Include MBC-specific patient priorities and outcomes in the overall benefit assessments of new MBC treatments; and
- (2) Enhance multi-stakeholder collaboration in order to improve MBC patient outcomes.

Reference: 1. Fatima Cardoso et al. *Breast* 2020 Aug;52:78-87

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BP37 Benefit assessment of new Metastatic Breast Cancer treatments – a multi-stakeholder approach

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Background and aim

Metastatic breast cancer (MBC) is responsible for the majority of the 0.6 million deaths from breast cancer every year globally.¹⁻² There is a growing understanding, as science evolves that different cancer types require different approaches to treatment evaluation, especially for metastatic stages. MBC places a major humanistic and economic burden on patients and their caregivers, along with issues of equity in access to quality care. In an environment of scarce resources, the introduction of new MBC treatments may be hindered by several elements including the availability of relevant evidence for disease specific outcomes and the current benefit evaluation process through health technology assessment (HTA). Therefore, in a multi-stakeholder collaboration, a White Paper was developed with the aims to place MBC on the agenda of national policy makers and provide consensus recommendations to the current challenges in the decision-making processes with respect to patient access to MBC treatment and care.

Results

A key finding was that the assessments of the overall benefit of MBC treatments are considered most valuable when informed by the disease specificities and MBC patients' needs and priorities. It was identified that not all attributes which are relevant to MBC patients are consistently considered in current decision-making. The White Paper recognized that there is inherent value in multi-stakeholder engagement between patients, physicians, caregivers, and regulatory and HTA bodies, not least in providing support for timely patient access to transformative medicines and in the potential to improve patient outcomes. Two groups of recommendations were developed to tackle the identified challenges in MBC decision: one group of recommendations aimed at government agencies, HTA decision-makers and payers, and another group aimed at MBC multi-stakeholder groups. The overarching and detailed recommendations are outlined below.

Overarching policy recommendation to government agencies, HTA decision-makers and payers:
Include MBC-specific patient priorities and outcomes in the overall benefit assessment of new MBC treatments

- Incorporate MBC patient needs in the overall benefit assessment of an MBC treatment
- Provide an agreement on the appropriate endpoints in MBC, including the use of surrogate endpoints such as progression free survival, with the evaluation once overall survival data is available
- Ensure MBC patient involvement and, where relevant, voting rights in clinical assessments of MBC treatments both at national and/or regional levels
- Provide means to educate policy decision-makers on understanding the MBC patient needs
- Incorporate the value placed in delaying the start of chemotherapy in the overall benefit assessment, where applicable
- Support the development and incorporate MBC-specific Health Related Quality of Life and MBC-specific patient reported outcomes (PROs) measures in the overall benefit assessment of MBC treatments
- Support and use observational data collection initiatives in MBC to capture patient-level data for long-term outcomes
- Recognise and use Real World Evidence as supportive evidence in the overall benefit assessment of MBC treatments
- Recognise MBC patients' ability to return or maintain work or studies, and capacity to participate in daily activities as part of the overall benefit assessment of MBC treatments
- Consider objective value frameworks both as one of the several sources of information in the decision making process to assess the clinical benefit of new treatments such as ESMO Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale (MCBS) or the ASCO Value Framework. These tools' methodologies are in constant update according to the experience in the field
- Address value in oncology by considering issues such as affordability and value based pricing, healthcare systems adaptability to the rate of innovation in cancer treatment, including value and wider healthcare spending

Overarching policy recommendation to MBC multi-stakeholder groups:
Enhance multi-stakeholder collaboration in order to improve MBC patient outcomes

- Enforce the importance of multi-disciplinary specialized teams (MDTs) and Multidisciplinary Tumour Boards (MTBs) in MBC care
- Make sure all MBC patients are discussed in these boards
- Ensure the patient perspective is integrated into treatment guidelines and enforce the implementation of high-quality, international and national MBC management guidelines
- Further promote MBC patient participation in formal early dialogues, integrated scientific advice engagements and (joint) clinical assessments in the EU and beyond
- Provide means and support initiatives to educate patients on understanding the general HTA processes

Conclusion

The White Paper raises the key finding that current assessment methodologies do not fully capture the patient relevant aspects of treatment benefit. Further collaboration between key stakeholder groups would allow for better consideration of MBC patient priorities, more informative choices in regards to trial designs and endpoints, with the support of Real World Data collection. In addition, collaboration would allow for MBC-specific PRO and patient reported outcomes measures (PROMs) development and allow early alignment on the requirements for the overall treatment benefit assessment in MBC to ensure that the needs of all key decision-makers are met. The further development of the overall benefit assessment of new treatments would greatly benefit from alignment between key stakeholders. The White Paper aims to promote multi-stakeholder collaboration in order to not only improve the MBC patient outcomes, but also the process to make treatments accessible to MBC patients around the world. The alignment and multi-stakeholder engagement between patients, physicians, caregivers, and regulatory and HTA bodies would not only benefit patients, but also the health systems and society in general. The main findings and recommendations will be published soon in a peer-reviewed journal.

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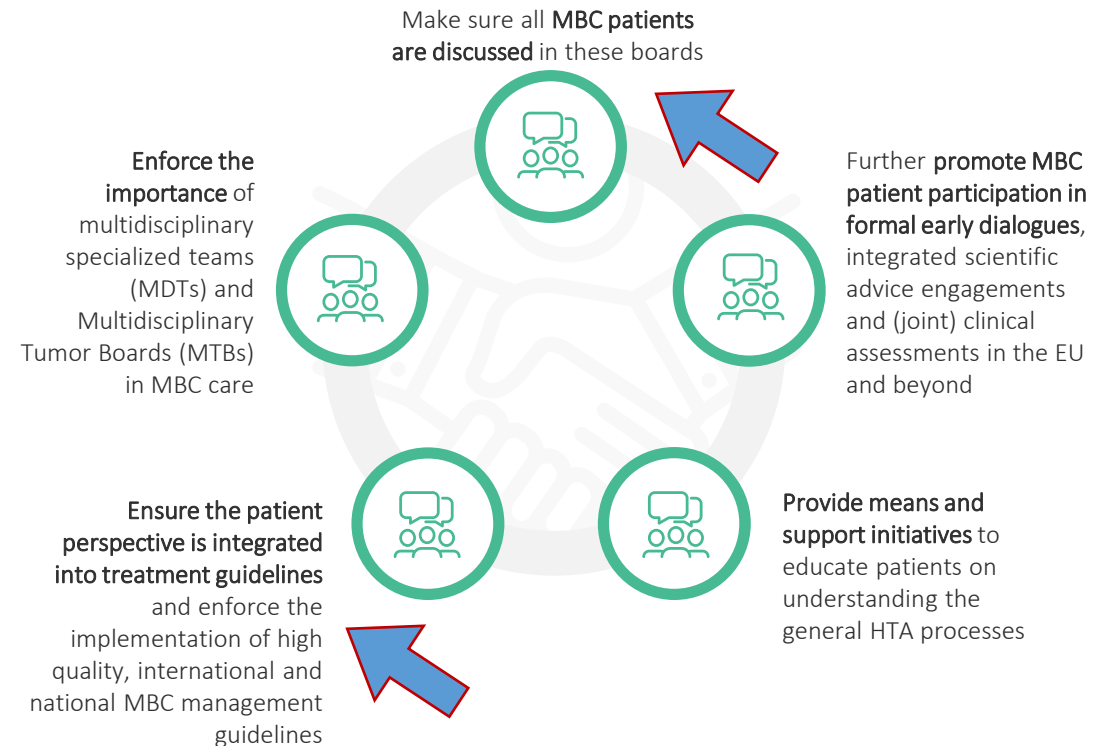
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Key policy recommendations

Include MBC-specific patient priorities and outcomes in the overall benefit assessment of new MBC treatments

- Incorporate MBC patient needs in the overall benefit assessment of an MBC treatment
- Provide an agreement on the appropriate endpoints in MBC, including the use of surrogate endpoints such as progression-free survival, with re-evaluation once overall survival data is available
- Ensure MBC patient involvement and, where relevant, voting rights in clinical assessments of MBC treatments both at national and /or regional levels
- Provide means to educate policy decision-makers on understanding the needs of MBC patients
- Incorporate the value placed on delaying the start of chemotherapy in the overall benefit assessment, where applicable
- Support the development of and incorporate MBC-specific Health Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) and MBC-specific patient reported outcome (PRO) measures into decision-making and establish one standardised MBC-specific PRO measure that is accepted and used by all HTA agencies
- Support and use observational data collection initiatives in MBC to acquire patient-level data for long-term outcomes
- Recognise and use real-world evidence as supportive evidence in the overall benefit assessment of MBC treatments
- Recognise MBC patients' ability to return to or maintain work or studies, and capacity to participate in daily activities as part of the overall benefit assessment of MBC treatments
- Consider objective value framework tools as one of the several sources of information in the decision making process to assess the clinical benefit of new treatments, such as the ESMO Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale (MCBS) or the ASCO Value Framework. These tools' methodologies are constantly updated according to the experience in the field
- Address value in oncology by considering issues such as affordability and value-based pricing, and healthcare system adaptability to the rate of innovation in cancer treatment, including waste and the wider healthcare spending

Enhance multi-stakeholder collaboration in order to improve MBC patient outcomes



Tackling gaps in breast cancer care

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Transforming Breast Cancer Together 'Call for Change'

WE HEREBY CALL ON EU INSTITUTIONS, EU MEMBER STATES AND ALL RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO:

1



Invest in both primary and secondary prevention

2



Ensure implementation of nationwide mammography screening programs

3



Ensure that all women diagnosed with breast cancer have access to treatment in a specialist breast-unit (centre) by a multidisciplinary team

4



Provide greater support to women who relapse and develop advanced breast cancer

5



Maximise the opportunities for women to flexibly return to work, look after their families and contribute to society before, during and after treatment.

6



Support health professionals in improving patient-centred communication

7



Ensure more attention is dedicated to improving the quality of life and emotional well-being of patients and their families.

8



Put in place a harmonized breast cancer registry process in Europe for collecting breast cancer data, both for early breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer

9



Maintain a favourable environment for the development of innovative health technologies for breast cancer patients.



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Thank you!

