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How is COVID-19 affecting your cancer treatment? TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN OUR SURVEY



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Cancer Care and COVID-19

Dear Members,

We hope you are keeping well and safe. As the pandemic continues across Europe, the preventative measures are still in place, with wearing a mask and social distancing having become the new norm. The COVID-19 pandemic saw many healthcare facilities limit access to outpatients and those visiting hospitals regularly for treatment. This also had a detrimental effect on cancer patients with their treatment being interrupted or limited.

As Europe's largest umbrella cancer patient organisation, we launched our survey 'Mapping EU Member State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and cancer' to gain insight into how cancer patients across Europe have had their lives affected by the pandemic and how we can continue to support those patients going through these unprecedented times.

What will this information be used for?

With this information we can **confront policy-makers** and call for **quality and equal access** to treatment for all cancer patients, identify **new advocacy**, **policy and research topics and** gain a better understanding of how **disrupted healthcare can lead to deteriorated treatment outcomes** and **increased death incidence**.

Do I have to take the survey in English?

To reach a diverse range of people, the survey is now available in all EU languages. By clicking

Who can take this survey?

The survey is open to everyone who is dealing with cancer, screenings, follow-ups but also to family members and carers who are experiencing the situation through their loved-ones. The survey will take 15 minutes to complete.

I have filled in the survey, how can I help further?

Thank you for completing the survey! You can help us disseminate this further by sharing the survey on social media or retweeting our <u>survey posts</u> on Twitter.

The information you entrust to us will be treated in a strictly confidential manner: it will be analyzed statistically and your anonymity will be fully respected.

To those who have shared the survey so far, thank you and we encourage you to keep spreading the word among your community, friends and families so we continue to gather as many diverse and wide-reaching responses as possible. The more people we reach the better. We look forward to your responses.

Best wishes,

Antonella Cardone, Director and ECPC Team

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Contact Information

Who has approved this survey?

The survey was reviewed by ECPC Scientific Committee members **Dr. Claudia Allemani,** Associate Professor of Cancer Epidemiology in the Cancer Survival Group at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and **Prof. Mark Lawler,**Chair in Translational Cancer Genomics, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Life Sciences, Queen's University Belfast. We also acknowledge the contribution of **Dr. Frances Drummond,** Research Officer at Breakthrough Cancer Research and **Dr. Isabelle Soerjomataram,** Deputy Section Head Section of Cancer Surveillance at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

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