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Webinar series on the European Week Against Cancer



Virtual event

European Week Against Cancer

Webinar series on cancer complications and comorbidities
White Paper Launch: Tackling cancer complications and comorbidities

25th May, 11:00 - 12:00 CEST

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  Cancer-related Complications and Comorbidities Initiative Members

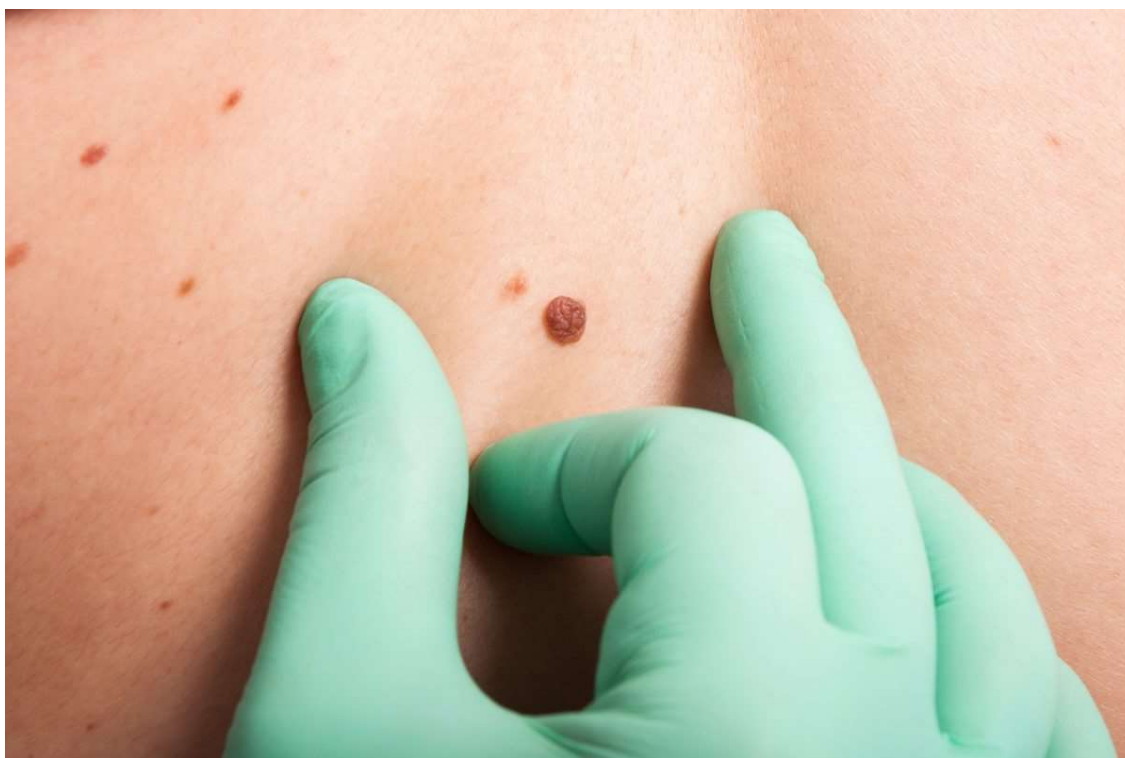
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European Week Against Cancer
23-31 May

For this year's **European Week Against Cancer**, the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) and Cancer Complications and Comorbidities Initiative Members organised several online events in form of webinars, taking place from the 25th to the 31st of May

These webinars aimed at presenting various issues surrounding **Cancer Complications and Comorbidities**, ensuring that Cancer complications and comorbidities are addressed in the implementation of the **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**, and to further pursue recognition of these comorbidities, increase awareness on relevant stakeholders and the public.

You can find the recordings in [our website](#) and [our YouTube channel](#)!

Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Web Hub



What is **Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer**? ECPC has developed a new **web hub** that includes all relevant information on Non-melanoma Skin Cancer: High-risk Population, economic burden, unregistered (informal) employment, quality of life and prevention and policy and Legislation.

We have also gathered **relevant resources** created by ECPC as well as external resources in order to raise awareness about NMSC.

Would you like to have a look? [Check it out!](#)

ECPC launches the HTA toolkit: "Patient Involvement in Health Technology Assessment" in Spanish



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**Participación de los pacientes en la
Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias:**
CONJUNTO DE HERRAMIENTAS PARA PACIENTES
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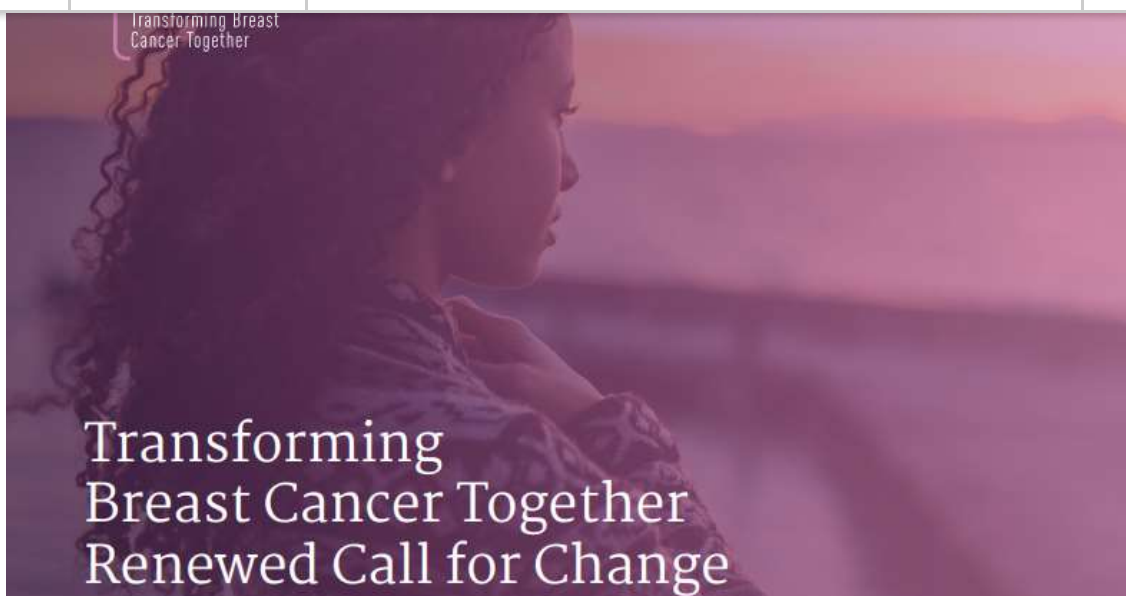
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Following the launch of the **HTA (Health Technology Assessment) toolkit** [*'Patient Involvement in Health Technology Assessment: A toolkit for patients and patient organizations'*](#), we would like to inform you that the toolkit in **Spanish language is now available on our website**. This toolkit will leverage the existing resources combining up-to-date information, country specific examples and provide cancer patients and organizations with a **practical guide and a comprehensive overview of how to be directly involved in the work of HTA agencies**.

Position Paper: Transforming Breast Cancer Together Renewed Call for Change



The **COVID-19 pandemic** has acted as a global wake-up call, exposing the deep-rooted vulnerabilities of healthcare systems across Europe and setting health as a top priority on the EU political agenda. Among its unprecedented consequences, COVID-19 has had devastating effects on cancer patients across Europe.

Transforming Breast Cancer Together (TBCT) initiative recognised the impact and challenges of COVID-19 and published a statement to shed light on this issue in 2020.

You can read the full paper [here](#).

Global Submission Call for 'Precision Oncology Patient Innovation' Awards 2021



The first '[Precision Oncology Patient Innovation Awards](#)' aim to foster innovation and collaboration to improve access to precision oncology care and tackle inequalities for people with cancer around the world.

Who can apply? The Awards are open to non-profit organizations from around the world*, including **patient advocacy groups, educational institutions and officially recognized**

Deadline for applications: Submissions must be received no later than midnight, EDT, on **June 25, 2021**. For queries about the Awards, please email the Program Secretariat at PrecisionOncologyAwards@VozAdvisors.com

What's coming up

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Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer as an occupational disease

What is the impact on the society and the welfare system and how this can be addressed from the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan? [Register for the webinar](#) hosted on **15th June 2021, 11:30 - 13:00 CEST**

Non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC) is by far the most frequently diagnosed cancer around the globe. However, a lack of reporting and accurate data on the disease burden has allowed this crisis to remain in the shadows.

The event will draw attention to the issue of NMSC as an occupational disease and call on key stakeholders to support access to **better care for those affected and for retired workers**. Check the preliminary agenda [here](#)!

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Join our **online debate to raise awareness** on the needs of cancer survivors and discuss the importance of **return-to-work policies**. The event will take place on **29th June from 10:30 to 11:30h CEST in a virtual format**. It organized by the European Cancer Patient Coalition (ECPC) and the European Parliament's Challenge Cancer Intergroup.

Despite advances in cancer diagnoses and effective therapies which have helped to increase survival rates, **cancer survivors continue to experience significant challenges**.

Life after cancer is multifaceted yet the focus of this online debate is on the implementation of policies addressing the specific challenge of returning to work for **cancer survivors**. Additional information will follow soon. Do not miss it and [register here!](#)

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DIA/IMI PREFER
PATIENT PREFERENCES
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Valuable decision making through
patient preference studies

VIRTUAL **15-16 June 2021**

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DIA/PREFER patient preferences workshop on 15th & 16th June

How much risk patients think is acceptable for a given benefit? **Patient preferences** can give us answers, critical for developing medical treatments. In this Workshop, we will navigate through the patient preferences landscape, starting from the **IMI PREFER** project, exploring patient involvement in Patient Preference studies and showing practical implications in regulatory decision making.

Explore the value of Patient Preference studies and join the workshops on **15th and 16th June!** Visit [their website](#) to know more.

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TIME TO ACT.

Don't let Covid-19 stop you from tackling Cancer
 La Covid-19 ne doit pas être un frein aux soins contre le cancer
 Covid-19 darf der Behandlung von Krebs nicht im Wege stehen
 No dejes que el COVID te impida hacer frente al Cáncer
 Nie pozwólmy, by Covid-19 zatrzymał walkę z rakiem
 Не дайте Covid-19 помешать Вам бороться с раком
 Il Covid non deve fermare la lotta contro il Cancro

Time To Act Campaign in Italy and Spain

After the Polish launch of the Time To Act Campaign held on 22nd May by the European Cancer Organisation (ECO), we are delighted to announce the next **Time To Act national language launch-events**:

- Time To Act in **Italy** – **17 June 14:00h CEST**
 - [Website](#)
 - Registration (free of charge) [here](#)
- Time To Act in **Spain** – **25 June 15: 00h CEST**
 - [Website](#) (programme to be released in early next week)
 - [Registration](#) (free of charge)

Would you like to attend? Do not forget to register!

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Working together to drive action for cancer patients in the European region

UICC's regional series of Virtual Dialogues are opportunities for UICC members and the cancer community, including cancer societies, research and cancer centres, professional associations, ministries of health and patient support groups in each of the six regions to gather virtually, reflect, interact and share best practices on key topics in Europe.

The event will take place on Tuesday 29th June, 14:00-15:30 CEST. [Join us!](#)

- **MedTech Europe** has recently released a case study on '[The Value of Diagnostic Information in Acute Respiratory Infections – Observations from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)'. The [case study](#), its [executive summary](#) and a set of [infographics](#) are available on MedTech Europe website at the following [link](#).
- We are pleased to inform you that the **2021 European PDHA Call for Applications as well as the [pdha.eu](#) website are now live** in order to receive all of the innovative and exciting digital health solutions for improving care and quality of life for patients and their caregivers that participants will submit! As planned, the window for the Call for Applications was activated on 8 June at 4:00 pm CET and **will remain open until 6:00 pm CET on 12 July**.
- [Breast cancer surgery should be a job for certified specialists – an appeal](#). As a survivor and advocate, Shirley Bianca led calls for such a European certification scheme over many years. She's now asking for help to ensure it gets urgently implemented in every place where **breast surgery** is done. The **2020 launch of the BRESO certification scheme** marked an important step in ensuring no one with breast cancer is operated on by a surgeon who is not up to the job.
- In the framework of **LEGACy project**, a questionnaire has been developed to find out your current knowledge about the risk factors that are related to gastric cancer. Please disseminate the questionnaire among your network through your social media channels:
 - English version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Spanish version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Dutch version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Portuguese version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)
 - Catalan version on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

Members' corner

- [A new survey on Pain Alliance Europe about diagnosis and treatment](#) has been launched. Pain Alliance Europe (PAE) and its member organisations invite everyone with chronic pain or their caregivers to complete [this brief survey on diagnosis and treatment](#). This survey is a second version of the survey conducted in [2017](#) . It will compare the responses from 4 years ago with the situation now, to see if there have been improvements over the past four years.

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