



ECICC: European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer

Informing healthcare professionals, patients, and individuals about the new activities on colorectal cancer

What is ECICC?

The European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC) is a person-centred initiative to improve colorectal cancer prevention and care in Europe.

Why ECICC?

Colorectal cancer is the third most diagnosed cancer in men and the second one in women. Moreover, colorectal cancer represents the second cause of cancer death in men and the third one in women. In the European Union, according to the estimates for 2020, there were 341419 new cases and 156105 people died from colorectal cancer, accounting for 12.7% of all new cancer diagnoses and 12.4% of all deaths.* There are

persistent differences in the survival rates of patients across Europe, with below-average survival rates consistently observed in some countries, therefore indicating inequalities in healthcare delivery. A coordinated action at European level for quality assurance of colorectal cancer prevention and care could help reduce these inequalities.

* Source: ECIS – European Cancer Information System. From <https://ecis.jrc.ec.europa.eu>, accessed on 20/01/2021, © European Union, 2021.

What is the aim?

ECICC aims to develop evidence-based guidelines for colorectal cancer prevention, screening and diagnosis as well as a quality assurance scheme for healthcare services involved in the entire colorectal cancer care pathway – from prevention,

screening in asymptomatic individuals and diagnosis, to treatment, rehabilitation, follow-up and palliative care. The implementation of both the guidelines and the quality assurance scheme will be voluntary.

How will it benefit individuals and patients?

ECICC will empower individuals, patients and their families to make informed decisions about their health by providing information in a transparent and clear manner. At the same time, ECICC will

ensure individuals and patients will benefit from high-quality healthcare services in screening, diagnosis as well as the entire healthcare pathway.

How to get involved?

As ECICC applies an inclusive, bottom-up approach, anyone will be welcome to participate in calls for feedback on specific documents and expressions of interest which will be made accessible from the dedicated website for ECICC.

feedback will be crucial as well for the development of the guidelines and the quality assurance scheme, thus allowing for continuous improvements.

Feedback and cooperation with academia, patients' organisations, professionals, associations, and local institutions are vital to ECICC: their

An open call for ECICC working group membership will be launched in spring and the appointment of members is expected to be finalised in autumn 2021.

See also:

Colorectal cancer burden in EU-27
https://ecis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pdf/Colorectal_cancer_factsheet-Mar_2021.pdf

Colorectal cancer briefing
https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/health-promotion-knowledge-gateway/colorectal-cancer_en

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