Launching the European Commission Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (ECICC)

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- In collaboration with the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra is responsible for the scientific/technical coordination of the initiative.
- ECICCC will start at the beginning of 2021 with the call for experts to be launched by the end of this year.
From ECIBC to ECICC...
The European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC)

EU Initiative aimed to
1. IMPROVE QUALITY
2. REDUCE INEQUALITY IN ACCESS
in breast cancer screening and care across Europe.

Two main objectives:
- Evidence-based Breast Cancer Guidelines on screening and diagnosis
- Quality Assurance (QA) scheme for breast cancer services

EU and beyond
- 70 experts and patients representatives in two multidisciplinary panels
- 74 recommendations on screening and diagnosis (GRADE EtD framework)
- A Platform of International Guidelines on Breast Cancer care
- Recommendations' tailored to healthcare professionals and women
ECICC

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- QA scheme for the entire colorectal cancer care pathway

EU and beyond
A single multidisciplinary panel
Recommendations developed using GRADE EtD framework
New approach: a methodological framework for a guideline-based QA scheme development
Methodology Overview: Integrated Guideline and QA Framework Development
Methodology Overview: workshop June 2018

18 Experts
4 Steering group members
3 Days of meetings
Follow-up webconferences

Key questions to guide discussion
Content-focused pairs to explore key questions and challenges
Survey on risks of integration
Survey on checklist considerations
ECICC methodological framework

Diagram legend:
- Groups
- Tasks

- Stakeholders forum
  - Scope and focus

- Executive
  - PICO questions development
  - Systematic review experts
    - Systematic review
  - PICO responsible Unit (PRU)
    - Evidence Profiles and EtDs
  - QA experts
    - QA review

- Guidelines recommendations, quality indicators and QA scheme
Main actors involved

• **ECICC Executive**: multidisciplinary experts' group (approx. 15 individuals) including patients advocates. Provide high-level direction and have decision-making responsibility regarding guidelines and QA development;

• **PICO Responsible Units**: provide detailed guidance and expertise in planning work for each PICO (healthcare question) and identifying and summarising the research evidence to support the Executive decisions;

• **Systematic Review and Quality Assurance Teams**: conduct systematic reviews of the scientific evidence available for the guidelines and the QA scheme;

• **Stakeholders’ forum**: support in the identifications of priorities, ensure complementarity with other initiatives and provide feedback on the development of the guidelines and the QA scheme;

• **EC**: political responsibility with DG SANTE and the scientific and technical coordination of the project and the groups involved with DG JRC.
ECICCI main features

- Evidence-based and transparent process;
- Conflict of Interest management;
- Patients advocates and stakeholders’ involvement;
- Up-to-date and accessible information for EU citizens;
- Adaptable and implementable guidelines’ recommendations;
- Modular, adaptable and implementable QA scheme.
Let’s stay in touch!

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Thank you very much for your attention