

BELGIUM

1. Country Representative/Delegate

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2. Other Participants/Collaborators

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F. Penninckx	Oncologic surgeon	
K. Haustermans	Radiotherapist-oncologist	
Raf Mertens	Christian Mutualities and Member of the intermutualistic agency	
Sabine van Aalderen	Data nurse Foundation Belgian Cancer Registry	
M. Huysegoms	Data nurse Foundation Belgian Cancer Registry	

3. Participation in EUROCHIP Meeting

NAME	PLACE	DATE	PARTICIPANTS
Panel of Experts	Ragusa (Italy)	24-25/09/2004	E. Van Eycken
Multinational Meeting	Milan (Italy)	13/05/2005	E. Van Eycken
North Western Meeting	London (UK)	10/06/2005	E. Van Eycken
Panel of Experts	Maiori (Italy)	15-16/06/2006	E. Van Eycken

4. Area of the action

Information: cancer registry role in cancer control and indicator "Compliance with best oncology practice"

5. Aim and description of the work (for details see Annex 05)

The Belgian Cancer Registry (BCR) participates in EUROCHIP-2 focusing on two aspects:

- Cancer registry role in cancer control: BCR implemented specific promotion activities to the clinicians for the PROCARE project aimed to promote the adherence to guidelines for rectal cancer
- evaluation of the indicator "compliance with best oncology practice (for rectal cancer)".

6. Results of the work (for details see Annex 05)

- The BCR promotion activities for the PROCARE project had significant results: clinician participating in PROCARE increased from 18 to 98, hospitals participating in PROCARE increased from 15 to 58
- BCR collects data on quality of rectal cancer cases (1038 cases up to 16th October 2007). Preliminary results on these cases show that 75% of patients are treated following guidelines (exactly 75% of patients with Duke's stage B or C received pre-operative radiotherapy).

7. Added Value of the work (for details see Annex 05)

This experience shows that cancer registries can play a major role in some cancer control activities. For example, thanks to the cancer registry, PROCARE is now able to 'measure' the quality indicators on rectal cancer treatment in time, and inform clinicians of their proper results in comparison with the median/mean/top 10 results.

8. Publications related to EUROCHIP

- Penninckx, F., et al., Survival of rectal cancer patients in Belgium 1997-98 and the potential benefit of a national project. Acta Chir Belg, 2006. 106(2): p. 149-57.
- Penninckx F, Roels S, Leonard D, Laurent S, Decaestecker J, De Vleeschouwer C, et al. Kwaliteit van rectale kankerzorg, fase 1: Een praktijkrichtlijn voor rectale kanker. Good Clinical Practice (GCP). Brussel: Federaal Keniscentrum voor de Gezondheidszorg (KCE); 2007. KCE reports 69A

9. Participation in other Conferences/Meetings related to EUROCHIP

NAME	PLACE	DATE	PARTICIPANTS
PROCARE	Liege (B)	18/10/2007	