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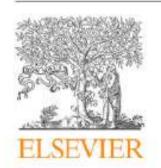
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A full revision of the European guidelines for quality assurance in breast cancer screening and diagnosis is now under way, and the new, fifth edition is planned for publication in 2014 or 2015. In the meantime, these supplements to the current, fourth edition have been developed to address those fields that the editors felt warranted an earlier update of the standards, protocols and best practice recommendations. At a meeting of the editorial board in November 2009 in London, it was agreed that the supplements would be prepared by the same groups of experts engaged in the development of the fourth edition and according to the same methodology. The authors and editors welcome comments and feedback on these documents.



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Determinants of successful implementation of population-based cancer screening programmes

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Cancer screening and early diagnosis in Mediterranean countries

Capacity building in developing programs of organized cancer screening and early diagnosis







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Announcement

Two-week intensive training

Principles, organization, evaluation, planning and management of cancer screening programmes

First module to be held in Lyon, France, 19-23 November 2012 at the International Agency for Research on Cancer

Second module to be held optionally at another place in the EU 11-15 March 2013

Objective and description

The course aims to improve implementation of cancer screening as currently recommended by the European Union, by introducing a comprehensive curriculum to interested staff of national or regional cancer screening management and evaluation units. Any other staff or professionals currently collaborating with established units or currently planning or interested in implementing cancer screening programmes are also eligible to participate.

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European School of Screening Management Two-week intensive training course

Provisional Content of the course

1st module

Section 1: Parameters of occurrence and current situation of breast, cervical and colorectal cancer in European and Mediterranean countries:

- incidence, mortality, prevalence, survival
- stage distribution
- treatment

Section 2: Principles of screening:

- natural history of cancer, time window and type of testing
- lead time, length bias, test interval cases
- evidence of efficacy
- overdiagnosis
- overtreatment
- balance between benefits and harms
- ethics of screening

Section 3: Screening organization:

- opportunistic versus organised screening
- removing financial barriers
- necessary legal frameworks
- prerequisites of organised screening
- invitational aspects and how to reach optimal attendance
- delivering information about screening
- role of family physicians
- integration with health care system
- diagnostic and treatment centres
- pilot phase and rollout
- target population and inclusion/exclusion criteria
- screening protocol
- surveillance protocol
- fail safe mechanism I
- software for screening management

Section 4: Screening evaluation:

- designs of implementation and evaluation
- data items necessary for evaluation: information matrix and time axis
- performance indicators
- coverage and participation
- positive test
- assessment compliance rate