



Experiences on the ground: diagnosing and treating cancer through the COVID19 pandemic

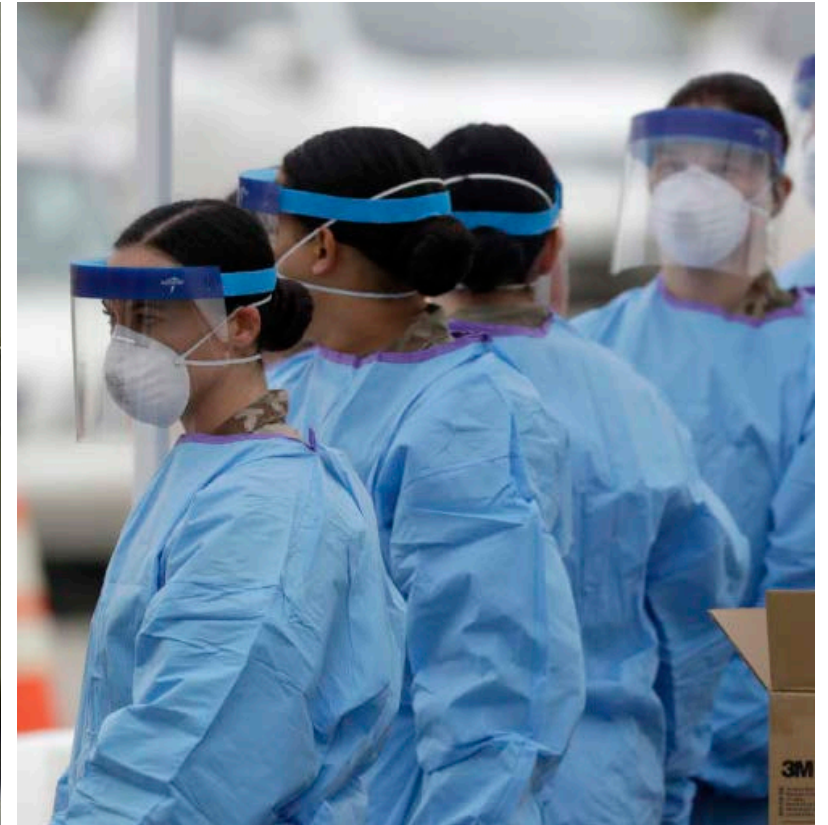
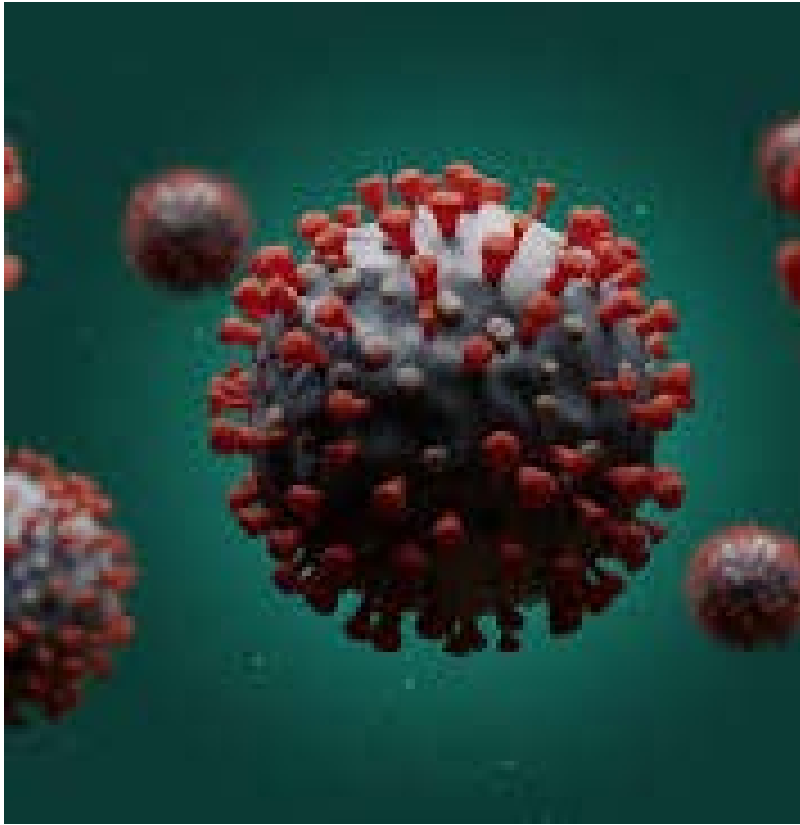
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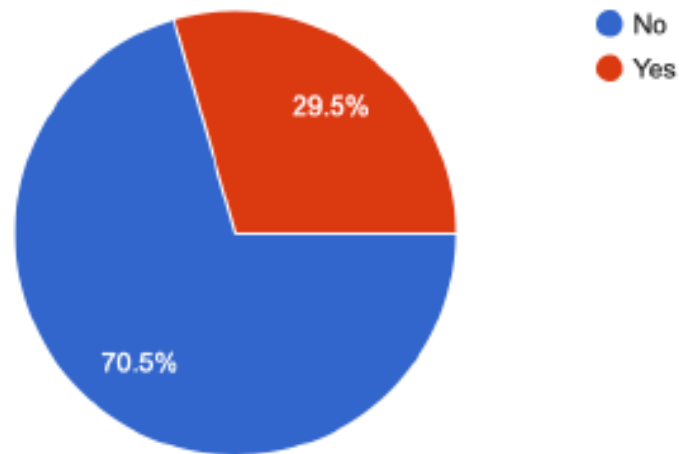


Oncology Professionals on the Frontline of COVID-19 and Cancer: Our Stories

Meanwhile COVID-19 related medicines shortages continue

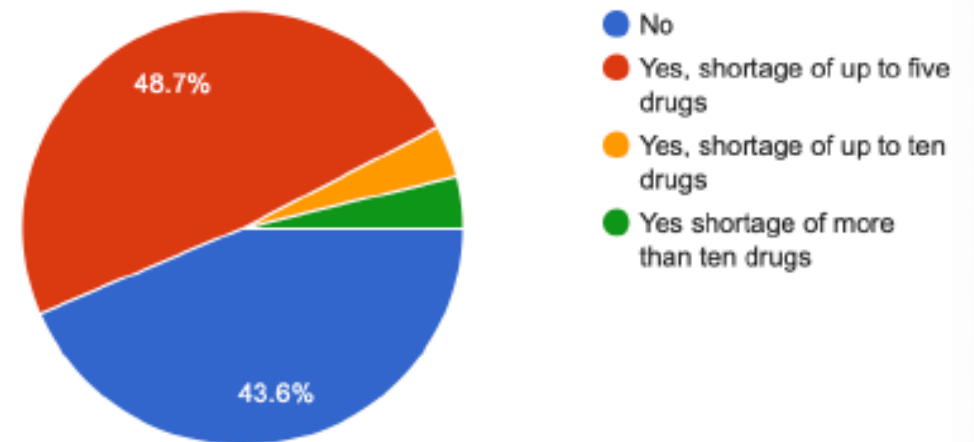
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12. Do you have a shortage of medicines that are necessary for the treatment of cancer patients?

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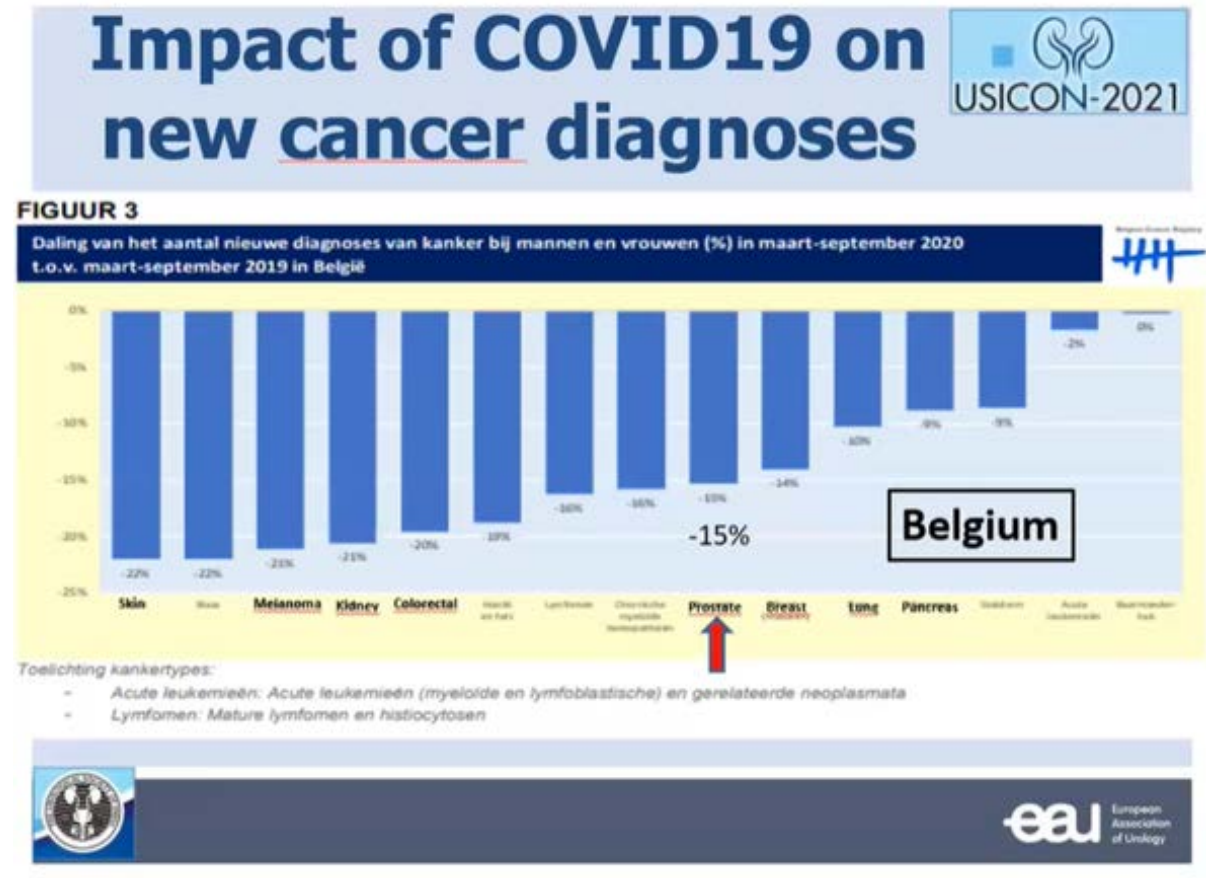
COVID-19 and Cancer: The situation grows increasingly urgent

Coronavirus could cause 35,000 extra UK cancer deaths, experts warn

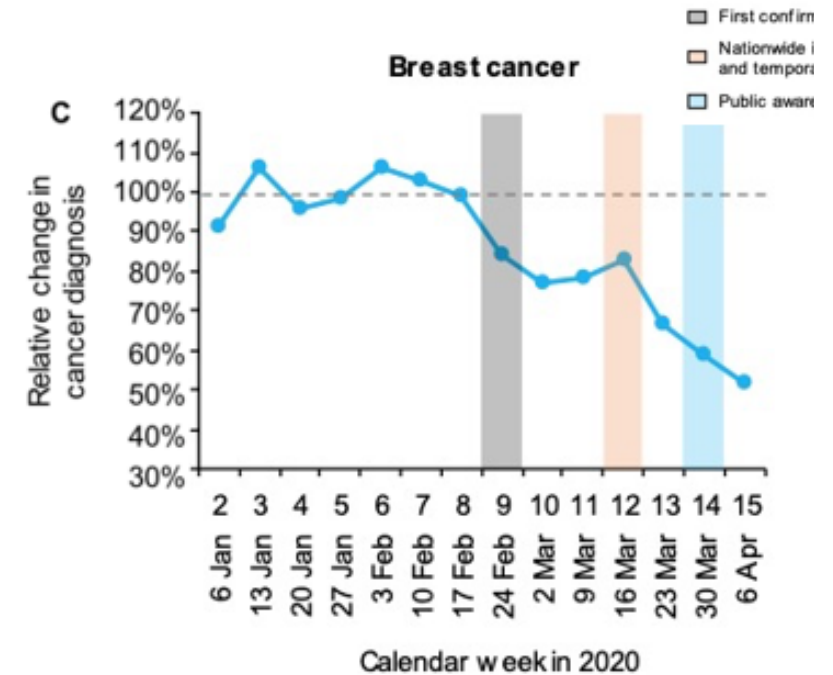
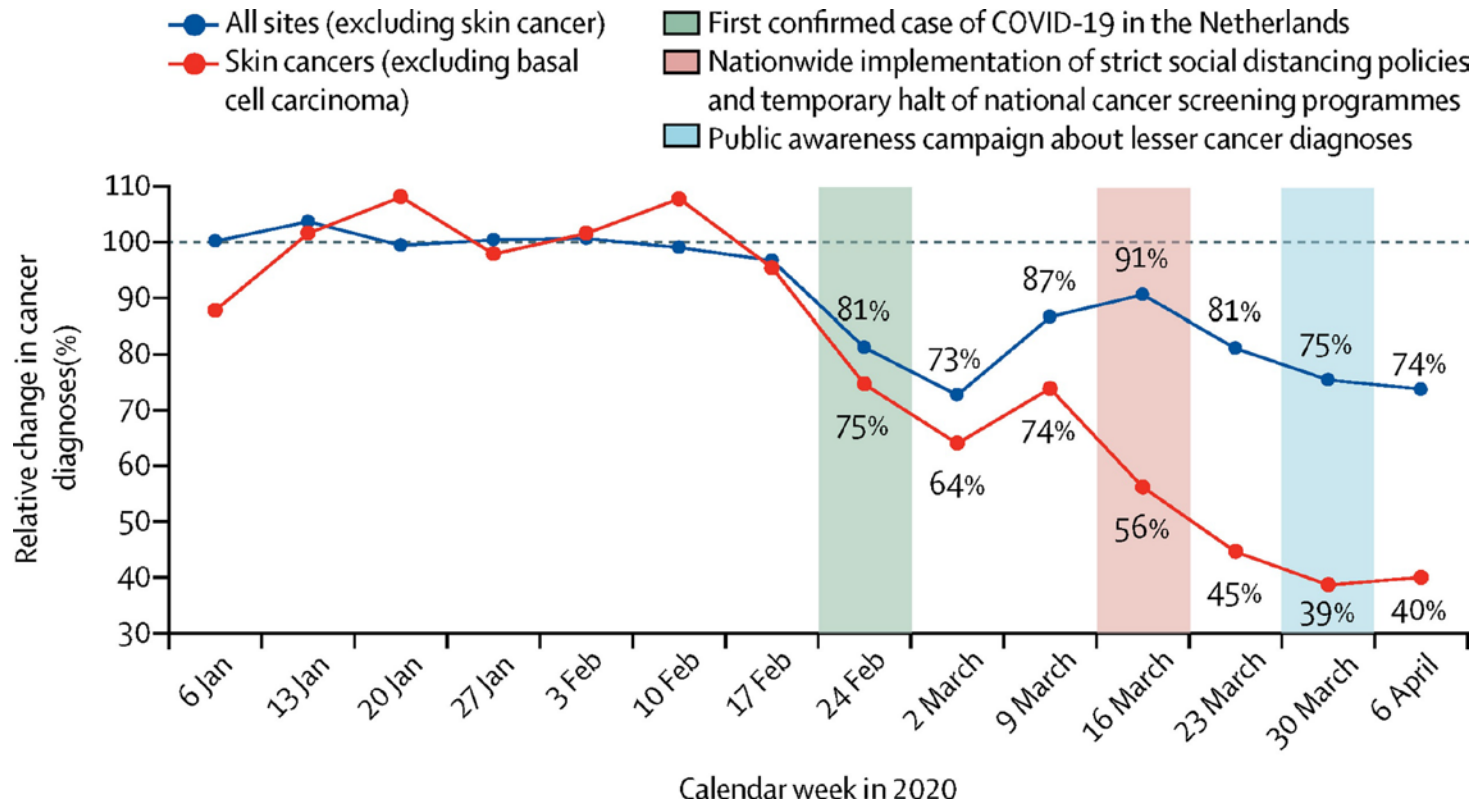
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Delays to cancer diagnosis and treatment due to coronavirus could cause thousands of excess deaths in the UK within a year, research suggests.



A wave of later diagnosis of cancer is coming : the same story in all countries, all cancer types



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Special Network on the Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer

The Special Network of the European Cancer Organisation on the Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer brings together healthcare professionals, patients, researchers, academics and others to:

- Precisely delineate the challenges that COVID-19 has posed to cancer care
- Amplify activities undertaken by the European Cancer Organisation's community to address these challenges
- Produce recommendations on the most critical and urgent policy needs



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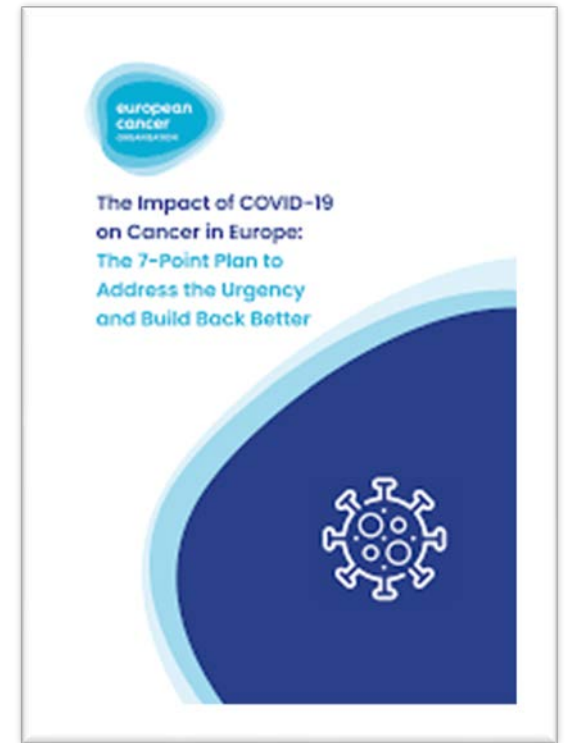
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The 7 Point Plan to Build Back Better

1. Urgently addresses the cancer backlog
2. Restore confidence of European citizens and patients in cancer health services
3. Tackle medicines, products and equipment shortages
4. Address cancer workforce gaps across the European continent
5. Employ innovative technologies to strengthen cancer systems and provide optimal care to cancer patients
6. Embed data collection and the rapid deployment of cancer intelligence to enhance policy delivery
7. Secure deeper pan-European health cooperation



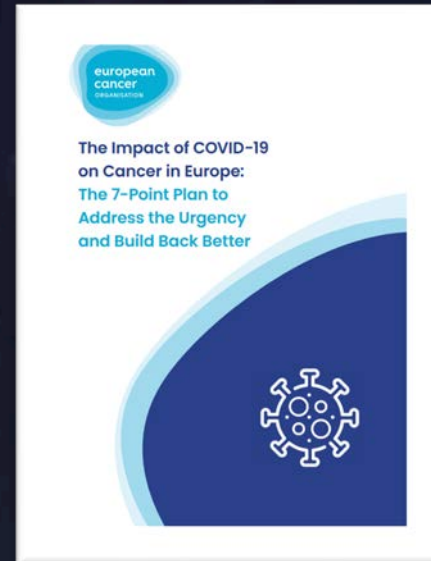
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Cancer must not become the Forgotten “C” in the Fight against COVID-19.

The Beating Cancer Plan opportunity

- Make use of the EU's attention on cancer to **remind citizens of the need to attend health appointments and have new symptoms checked.**
- **Accelerate the Beating Cancer Plans actions on Cancer Screening,** to urgently restore screening performance across all EU countries
- **No delay in taking up the HPV vaccination targets.** Let's get back on track with our shared elimination goal.
- **Tackle the medicines shortages** by execution of the plans in the pharmaceutical strategy
- **A pilot exercise of the Inequalities Registry to collect and publish data about the impact of COVID-19 on cancer care** with attention to any widened inequalities and how these can be address

Further to come



Pan-European projects in 2021 to raise awareness and achieve action

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