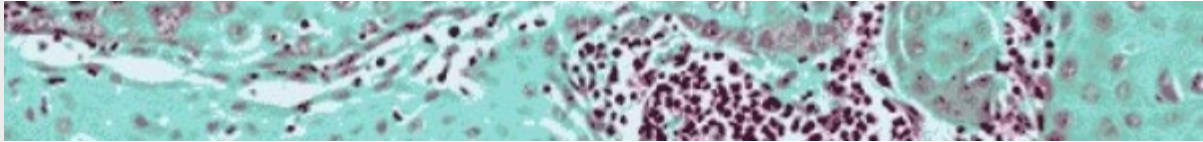# NEWSFLASH

Welcome to the ENCR Newsflash - January 2025

This is the newsflash of the European Network of Cancer Registries. In this issue we highlight the GRELL-ENCR Scientific Meeting 2025 and the opening of the abstract submission. The recommendations on Recording Recurrences, Progression and Transformation episodes and on Treatment Data Recording have been published. Finally, a new working group on the use of AI in Cancer Registries is being set up.

NEWS

Call for expression of interest - ENCR Working Group on the Use of AI in Cancer Registries

The ENCR is establishing a working group regarding the use of AI in Cancer Registries (CRs). With a broad scope, the working group will not only including the use/implementation of Machine Learning for research, but touching upon the legal framework around AI, the use of Large Language Models for EHR data extraction, the implementation of AI tools in everyday CR pipelines, and finally quality control of AI tools. Given the topics, a broad array of experts from different areas of expertise are invited to participate. (e.g., legal, AI, IT and cancer experts and epidemiologists).

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Data Call ECIS Update

The data call to update the European Cancer Information System has received submissions from 95 cancer registries. The validated data is being confirmed by the individual cancer registries ahead of publication in the website.

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New Publication from the BENCHISTA project

The BENCHISTA project, a collaboration between cancer registries and clinicians, has published a new paper, applying the Toronto Childhood Cancer Stage Guidelines to assess geographical variation in tumour stage at diagnosis for six childhood solid tumours.

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EVENTS

GRELL-ENCR 2025 Scientific meeting, 28-30 May 2025, Porto (Portugal)

The ENCR is pleased to announce that the abstract submission is now open for the joint scientific meeting with the GRELL (Group for Cancer Epidemiology and Registration in Latin Language Countries). This year's meeting will bring together cancer registry professionals, researchers, and experts from Europe and GRELL countries to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in cancer registration and research.
Deadline for Abstract submission: 17 March 2025

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Workshops at GRELL-ENCR 2025, 27 May 2025, Porto (Portugal)

Two workshops will be organised as side events to the GRELL-ENCR Scientific Meeting:

- **Workshop 1 (morning):** ICD-O-4: towards application in population-based cancer registries
- **Workshop 2 (afternoon):** Is your data available for this year? Strategies to enhance timeliness at population-based cancer registries.

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IDEA4RC project webinar series 2025

The IDEA4RC project is developing innovative solutions to create a health data ecosystem for rare cancers, leveraging emerging interoperability technologies, federated learning, and AI approaches. IDEA4RC partners wish to engage a wide and diverse group of stakeholders in an open dialogue. The ENCR community is encouraged to join the IDEA4RC Community to ensure you receive updates on this and other upcoming initiatives.

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Cancer Survival: Principles, Methods and Applications, 7-11 July 2025, London

The short course is focused on the estimation and real-world applications of cancer survival, including the theory, the formulae, and statistical modelling. It also covers cancer registration, data quality control, other metrics such as incidence, mortality, cure and prevalence, as well as international and world-wide comparisons of survival, and the public health and policy implications of trends and inequalities in cancer survival. Over the years, researchers from more than 60 countries. This year it will be the 18th edition of the annual course.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

ENCR Recommendation: Treatment data Recording published

The ENCR Steering Committee endorsed the new recommendation on Treatment Data Recording (phase I), published on 27 January 2025, concluding the work initiated by the Working group.

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ENCR Recommendation: Recording of Recurrences, Progression and Transformation episodes published

The ENCR Steering Committee endorsed the new recommendation on Recording of Recurrences, Progression and Transformation episodes, published on 26 January 2025, concluding the work initiated by the Working group.

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TOOLS

eLearning

The e-Learning modules aim to facilitate the training of cancer registrars in coding topography, morphology and cancer stage, implementing the relevant international classifications.

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Quality Check Software (QCS 2.2.2)

Version 2.2.2 of the JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software includes software upgrades and the revision of the data quality checklist. Cancer registries are encouraged to check regularly for the most up-to-date version in the ENCR website.

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Ask an expert

The Ask an Expert section is available on the ENCR website for those who wish to submit questions about difficult-to-code cancer cases. Questions may be submitted in the original language.

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ENCR STEERING COMMITTEE

90th ENCR SC meeting

The ENCR Steering Committee met on 27 September 2024 at the JRC Ispra. Summary minutes are available for consultation.

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Don't hesitate to send us relevant news and events that may feature in the next issue of the ENCR newsflash.

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