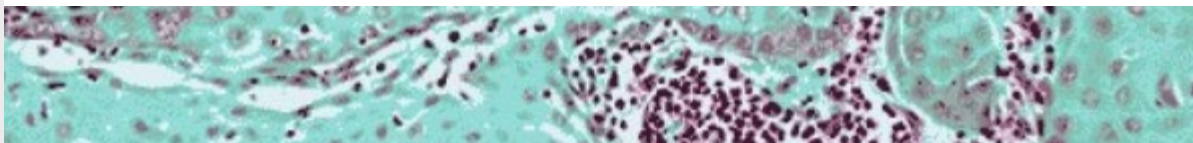# NEWSFLASH

Welcome to the ENCR Newsflash - September 2025

This is the newsflash of the European Network of Cancer Registries. We highlight the launch of the EU Joint Action CancerWatch, and the publication of updated cancer indicators for childhood cancer in ECIS.

NEWS

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Learn more

Release of updated childhood cancer data in ECIS

On 25 September 2025, the European Cancer Information System updated its section on childhood cancer incidence, consolidating data from registries across Europe.

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Contribute to the ESMO Special Issue: Cancer Registries for High-quality Real-World Data

Submissions are invited for a Special Issue that focuses on the use of cancer registry data to drive real-world oncology research. Highlighting advancements in generating high-quality RWE, improving data quality, and global data harmonization, this issue seeks original research, perspectives, reviews, and short

communications. Contribute your work and be part of the innovative strides in oncology. Submission deadline February 1st, 2026.

More information

Updated cancer entities' definitions in ECIS

On the occasion of the April 2025 update, the European Cancer Information System (ECIS) has recently revised its cancer entities' definitions, reflecting the latest developments in cancer classification and diagnosis.

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TOOLS

R package CaRDO (Cancer Registery Data Online)

CaRDO (Cancer Registry Data Online) is a new user-friendly R package, published on GitHub, for creating interactive R-Shiny dashboards that visualize and publish population-level cancer statistics. Targeted at cancer registries with low resources, this package allows users to generate interactive R Shiny dashboards that visualise population-level cancer statistics. CaRDO was Created by the Reporting and Communications team at Viertel Cancer Research Centre in Cancer Council Queensland.

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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 2.2.8)

Version 2.2.8 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

93rd ENCR SC meeting

The ENCR Steering Committee met on 3 Abril 2025 virtually. 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.