

UPSCALING AYA CANCER CARE: TOWARDS ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS (AYA) ACROSS EUROPE

1.19 million incident cancer cases and 396,000 deaths due to cancer among people aged 15–39 years worldwide in 2019. Years of life lost, incidence, disability-adjusted life years highest incidence rates in high SDI highest mortality rates in low–middle SDI



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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Advocate for a unified approach to funding for paediatric and adult oncology units.
- Advocate for a collaborative approach between paediatric and adult oncology units.
- Advocate for a more structured approach to funding the recruitment of qualified staff in AYA care.
- Utilise the support of the European partnership in transforming health and care systems.
- Leverage EU funding support.
- Harmonise AYA age range across Europe.
Stakeholders agreed that the current AYA age range of 15-39 is no longer appropriate.
- Advocate legislative changes/requirements at the Member State and health policy level or at the health insurance and reimbursement level to ensure life-saving / first-line therapy for AYA patients.
- Encourage AYA patients to participate in decision-making.
- Promote inclusion of AYA patients in clinical trials with a systematic approach.
- Encourage registry set-up.
- Promote knowledge exchange between centres in Europe (mentorship or train-the-trainer model).
- Encourage benchmarking studies of AYA care across Europe.
- Promote transparency of treatment options and create synergies with adult treatments where applicable.
- Promote the development of research.



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