

EUROPEAN HIGH RESOLUTION STUDIES: PARTTERNS OF CARE FOR BREAST, COLORECTAL, LUNG CANCERS, MELANOMA AND NHL

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Background

The High Resolution studies collect more clinical information than those routinely available to cancer registries (CRs) for random cancer cases, aiming to study patterns of care and adhesion to evidence based guidelines for diagnosis and treatment.

The database includes patients (≥ 15 years) diagnosed with breast (BC), colorectum (CRC), lung cancers, skin melanoma (MEL), and NHL (follicular and diffuse large-B cell lymphoma) in 2009-14 from 52 CRs in 13 countries.

Methods

The present study analyses five cancer-specific indicators of standard treatment in 6 countries [Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland] for CRs with <30% of unknown information in the analysed variables:

- Breast-conserving surgery and radiotherapy (BCS-RT) in 7085 stage I-IIA BC cases;
- Adjuvant CT in stage II/III CC cases surgically treated (1864 stage II and 1591 stage III cases);
- Curative surgery in stage I-II non-small LC (NSLC) (534 cases);
- Sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB) in ≥ 1 mm MEL (901 cases);
- Targeted therapy (TT) in NHL, after excluding cases with watchful waiting decision (1215 cases).

Results

BCS-RT: 68% (34 out of 35 [34/35] CRs: 41% Portugal-77% France) of stage I-IIA BC;

Adjuvant CT: 23% (18 CRs: 12% Switzerland-30% Italy) of stage II CC and 64% (18 CRs: 44% Switzerland-70% Belgium) of stage III CC;

Curative surgery: 65% (6 CRs: 56% Portugal-74% Switzerland) stage I-II NSLC;

SLNB: 66% (7/8 CRs: 57% Italy-74% Portugal) of ≥ 1 mm-Breslow MEL;

TT: 83% (6/7 CRs: 71% Italy-90% France) of NHL.

Discussion

Although some updating and corrections are still needed, information availability on stage work-up and therapeutic management was good. Differences in the adherence to clinical guidelines persist across Europe: resources availability, differences in health system organization and comorbidity at diagnosis could play a role. Multivariable comprehensive analyses, including comorbidity (where available), will be finalized after the conclusion of updating and corrections.

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