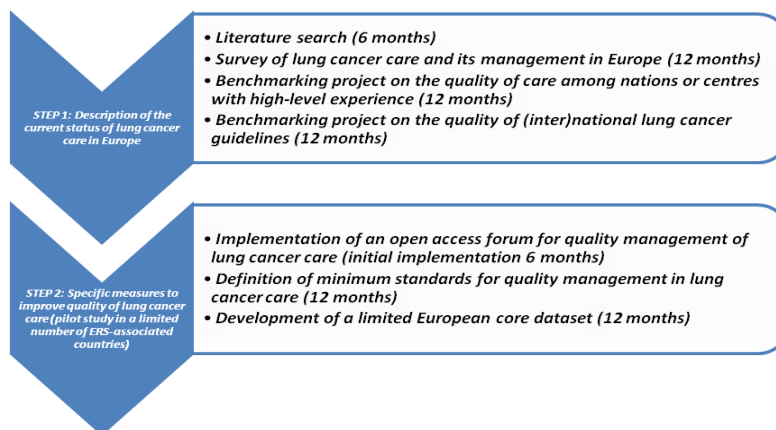


Dear Colleague,

We are writing on behalf of the recently created **ERS taskforce for Quality Management in Lung Cancer Care**.

Lung cancer care and its management have to be seen in the context of a divergent, in part little-known European healthcare landscape. The **European Initiative for Quality Management in Lung Cancer Care** aims to sustainably improve the quality of lung cancer care across Europe. Therefore the first step of this project will be to perform a systematic and thorough evaluation of the patterns of lung cancer services throughout Europe. It is not our intention to find the best national lung cancer care system, rather to learn from each other's experiences and to make lung cancer care more transparent.

The following image gives you a brief overview on our task force project plan. For a detailed description of our project please refer to our homepage: <http://eiqmlcc.medsite.org>



We would be very grateful if you could assist our taskforce in trying to achieve these goals. The first step comprises 3 topics for which we would be grateful of your support.

1. national literature search

We intend to research the extent of published literature on quality management in Lung cancer in Europe. Beside the Medline-listed literature we would be very interested in any national, non-English literature on quality management in lung cancer which you might be able to forward to the taskforce.

2. survey

We are going to produce and distribute a survey, gathering information about lung cancer care across Europe. Our intention is to distribute this two-part survey on a national as well as a local level in each European country.

3. national guidelines on lung cancer care

We plan to compare guidelines, both national and international, relating to lung cancer care. For that purpose we are looking for national guidelines on the different aspects of lung cancer care, and would be grateful if you could forward details to the taskforce.

Please could you provide us with the name and email address of a specialist lung cancer physician from within your country by January, 7th 2011 at the latest. We would then be able to approach them directly with regard to the three main projects outlined above. If you are unable to suggest anyone, please let us know and we will contact members of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance,
Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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