

Information for patients with cancer and COVID-19

Would you like to take part in a Registry Study?

Registry studies are conducted to gather more information about the best way to manage patients' illnesses.

The **ESMO-CoCARE** study is being conducted to collect information on the impact of **COVID-19** on patients who are currently under treatment or have a history of treatment for cancer.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is the disease caused by the novel SARS-2 coronavirus. For patients with cancer across Ireland, the COVID-19 outbreak is a major cause for worry and concern. Cancer patients have been advised to cocoon due to the risk of severe COVID-19 infection. Their treatment is also being impacted. We want to understand how COVID-19 infection affects cancer patients.

Who is organising the study?

This study is organised by the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), which is a not-for-profit research organisation. ESMO's core mission is to improve the quality of cancer care, to educate on the best practices and latest advances in cancer care, and to promote equal access to optimal cancer care.

What is ESMO-CoCARE?

ESMO has launched ESMO-CoCARE to gather data on patients with cancer who develop COVID-19. Patients with cancer are at increased risk of infection as a direct result of both their cancer and their cancer treatment.

Further information on the ESMO-CoCARE Registry may be found here:

<https://www.esmo.org/covid-19-and-cancer/collaborating-on-registries-studies-and-surveys/esmo-cocare-registry>

Why we need your data

This is a new virus and there is a lack of information on the management of patients with cancer. The purpose of this registry is to quickly gather and analyse data in order to publish evidence-based guidelines on the best course of treatment for patients like you.

Do I have to take part in this study?

No, participation in this study is voluntary. If you decide against participating in this study, it will have no impact on the care you receive either now or in the future, and it will not impact the relationship you have with your doctors, nurses, or any other member of the team treating you at your hospital.

What will happen if I decide to take part in this study?

If you decide to take part medical staff will collect the following information from your medical charts:

- Personal information such as age, gender, health background
- Cancer Information such as the type of cancer that you have and what cancer treatment you are currently undertaking or have received in the past.
- COVID-19 information such as when and how you were diagnosed and what treatment you have had. It will also confirm if you remained at home and had your treatment at home or in hospital and the outcome of this treatment. Finally, it will confirm when you have recovered from COVID-19 and whether there has been any significant additional impacts on your cancer care.

Your Name, Date of Birth, Hospital Number, Phone Number, Address, or any other identifiable information about you will not be collected for this study.

I think I want to participate - what do I do next?

Talk to your doctor or nurse and they will explain the study in more detail to you and provide you with all the information you need to make a decision. You can change your mind at any time.