

EORTC



The European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) is a pioneer in promoting multi-disciplinary cancer clinical research and pan-European collaboration and links a network of more than 2.500 clinicians and scientists in more than 300 hospitals in over 30 countries. Founded in 1962, the EORTC encompasses all aspects of cancer clinical research, from translational research and new drug development to large phase III clinical trials and meta-analyses.

Research axes & Expertise

Full clinical, scientific, operational, quality assurance, and regulatory support for clinical and translational research projects is provided by the EORTC Headquarters staff who augment this support with strong expertise in biostatistics, clinical study design and methodology, endpoint definition and analysis, and new initiatives in imaging and long term survivorship. EORTC studies have contributed to success stories in drugs development with a proven track record in establishing new standards, e.g. RECIST, QOL, etc., and in changing clinical practice.

Application fields

Within the EORTC network a Radiation Therapy (RT) Quality Assurance (QA) programme, established in 1982, ensures adherence to RT protocols via its well-established procedures. A recently established Imaging Department with experienced radiology and nuclear medicine professionals helps ensure the quality of the imaging component of cancer clinical trials. Such activities make the EORTC one of Europe's leading players in transforming experimental discoveries into new treatments with a significant clinical impact for the benefit of patients with cancer.

Major projects/partnerships/collaborations

The EORTC brings together European cancer clinical research experts from all disciplines to improve cancer care. EORTC Headquarters, a unique pan European clinical research infrastructure based in Brussels, Belgium, handles some 30 clinical trials permanently open to patient entry, over 50.000 patients who are in follow-up and a database of more than 180.000 patients.

EORTC participates in the Global Clinical Trials RTQA Harmonisation group (www.RTQAHarmonisation.org).

Key figures

- Year of establishment: 1962
- Number of employees: 214
- Number of collaborating institutions: 930 in 27 countries
- Number of patient records: 198.000
- Average number of scientific publications per year on cancer treatment: 100+

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