



How to optimize cancer care
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- To fully optimise cancer care, through the EU Network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres, bringing forward **the full contributions of the cancer care team through multi-disciplinarity and multi-professionalism is a must** across the disease continuum.
- The EU's vision for comprehensive cancer care is supported by the strong foundations and reflections on multi-disciplinarity and multi-professionalism contained within such bedrocks as:
 - The [OECD Standards for Quality Cancer Care](#)
 - The [DKG certification standards](#)
 - The [ECO Essential Requirements for Quality Cancer Care](#) series
 - The [EU DIRECTIVE 2013/55/EU](#) on the recognition of professional qualifications



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Pancreatic cancer centre/unit

Core multidisciplinary team (MDT)

Professionals from these disciplines must form the multidisciplinary unit that plans and carries out treatment of all patients

Gastroenterology
EUS accuracy >90%

Pathology

Radiology

Interventional radiology

Nuclear medicine

Surgery
Mortality rate below 5%

Medical oncology

Radiation oncology

Nursing

Extended multidisciplinary team (MDT)

Professionals from these disciplines must be available to the core MDT to provide holistic care throughout the patient journey

Perioperative care

Geriatric oncology

Oncology pharmacy

Psycho-oncology

Palliative care

Nutrition

Endocrinology

Genetics

Allied professionals

Primary care doctors
Community nurses
Social workers
Physiotherapists
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