

Challenges in the care pathway and preferences of people with lung cancer in Europe

Support in the treatment pathway

35.4%

Recognized that their overall needs were not addressed enough

Spheres not addressed enough by healthcare teams



52.5%
EMOTIONAL



39.7%
PHYSICAL



31.3%
SOCIAL

What is most difficult to manage in the treatment pathway?



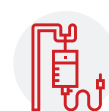
Surgery

47.5%
Anxiety before surgery
44.9%
Pain



Radiotherapy

45.8%
Weakness / Fatigue
29.8%
Stress and anxiety during radiotherapy



Pharmacotherapy

72.0%
Weakness / Fatigue
33.6%
Nausea / Vomiting

Priorities during and after treatment

Guidance to reduce risks of complications

Support for side effects management (especially pain management)

Referral to allied health professionals (62.2%)

Education about self-management (58.8%)

Improvement of accessibility to the medical and nursing team (43.7%)

74.9%

Stated that healthcare teams should inform people about supportive services before starting treatment

How to improve communication?



44.1%
Access to specialised cancer nurse consultations



43.9%
Longer medical consultations

CALL TO ACTION



- Implement rapid referral pathways to reduce the time between diagnosis and treatment for people with suspected lung cancer
- Develop targeted screening programs to aid in the earlier diagnosis of lung cancer
- Provide more information to people impacted by lung cancer to enable shared decision making and improve their quality of life

Methodology

Answers based on a 47 question survey (05/03/2021 – 07/10/2021; n=991). This survey was open to people diagnosed with lung cancer in the WHO European Region. The full report can be accessed here: www.lungcancereurope.eu

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