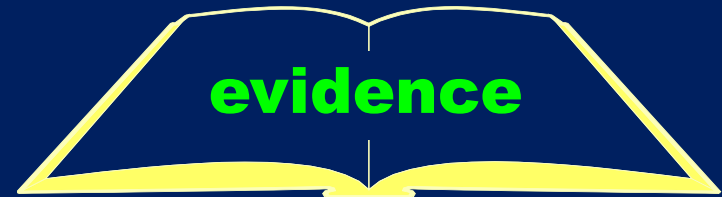
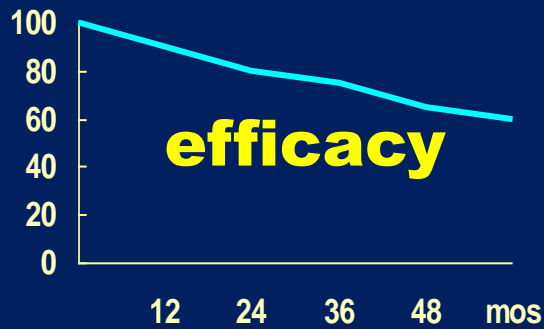




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# **CPG** **in rare cancers**

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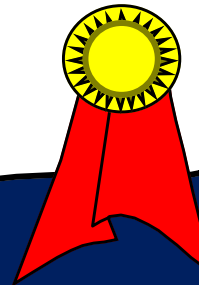
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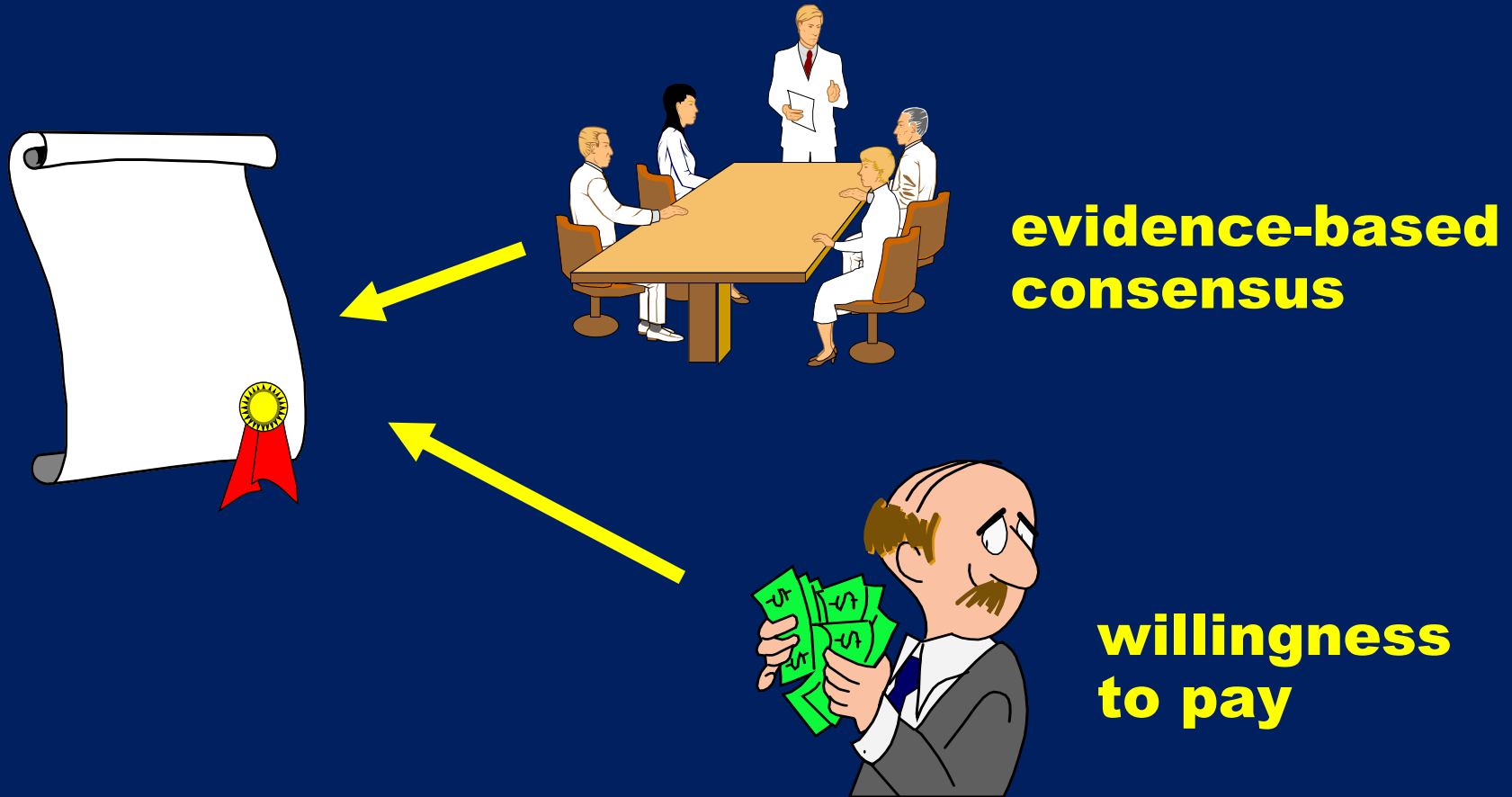
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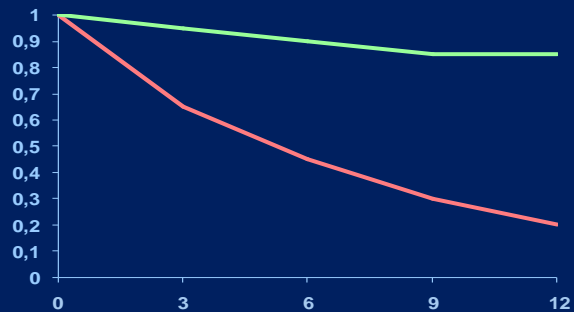
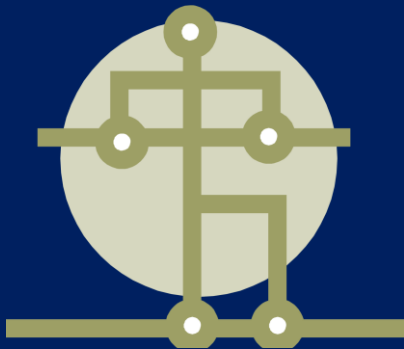
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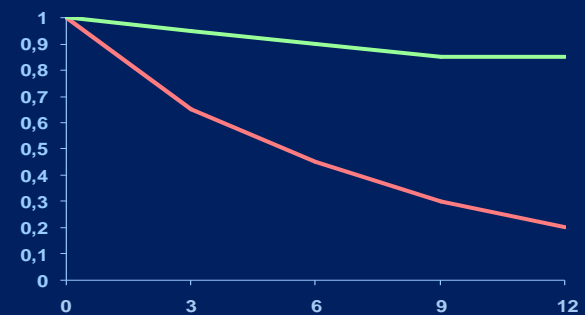
# Inequalities in cancer care



## EU regulator



## National regulator



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## **Nasopharyngeal cancer: EHNS–ESMO–ESTRO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>†</sup>**

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# American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline for the Use of Larynx-Preservation Strategies in the Treatment of Laryngeal Cancer

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## Organ-Preservation Strategy

Type of Cancer	Recommended	Other Options	Basis for Recommendation	Quality of Evidence
T1 cancer of the glottis: T1—tumor limited to the vocal cord(s) (may involve anterior or posterior commissure) with normal mobility T1a—tumor limited to one vocal cord T1b—tumor involves both vocal cords	Endoscopic resection (selected patients) OR radiation therapy	Open organ-preservation surgery	High local control rates and quality of voice after endoscopic resection compared with radiation therapy; possible cost savings; ability to reserve radiation for possible second primary cancers of the upper aerodigestive tract; however, not suitable for all patients	Comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies
T2 cancer of the glottis, favorable*: T2—tumor extends to supraglottis and/or subglottis, or with impaired vocal cord mobility	Open organ-preservation surgery OR radiation therapy	Endoscopic resection (selected patients)	Open organ-preservation surgery is associated with highest local control rates; however, leads to permanent hoarseness; local control rates after radiation therapy are also high, and functional outcomes may be better	Comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies
T2 cancer of the glottis, unfavorable*	Open organ-preservation surgery OR concurrent chemoradiation therapy (selected patients with node-positive disease)	Radiation therapy Endoscopic resection (selected patients)	Higher local control rates after surgery compared with radiation therapy alone; quality of voice after therapy of less concern if vocal cord function is irreversibly compromised by tumor invasion; endoscopic surgery requires careful patient selection For patients with T2 N+ disease, evidence from randomized trials supports concurrent chemoradiation therapy as an organ-preservation option	Comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies; randomized controlled clinical trials comparing concurrent chemoradiation therapy, and/or induction chemotherapy followed by radiation, and/or radiation therapy alone, and/or surgery followed by radiation
T1-T2 cancer of the supraglottis, favorable*: T1—tumor limited to one subsite of supraglottis with normal vocal cord mobility T2—tumor invades mucosa of more than one adjacent subsite of supraglottis or glottis or region outside the supraglottis (eg, mucosa of base of tongue, vallecula, medial wall of pyriform sinus) without fixation of the larynx	Open organ-preservation surgery OR radiation therapy	Endoscopic resection (selected patients)	Open organ-preservation surgery associated with highest local control rates; however, requires temporary tracheostomy and may lead to increased risk of aspiration after therapy; local control rates after radiation therapy are also high, and functional outcomes may be better	Comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies
T2 cancer of the supraglottis, unfavorable*	Open organ-preservation surgery OR concurrent chemoradiation therapy (selected patients with node-positive disease)	Radiation therapy Endoscopic resection (selected patients)	Open organ-preservation surgery is more likely to yield higher local control rates than radiation therapy; for patients with T2 N+ disease, evidence from randomized trials supports concurrent chemoradiation therapy as an organ-preservation option	Comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies; randomized controlled clinical trials comparing concurrent chemoradiation therapy, and/or induction chemotherapy followed by radiation, and/or radiation therapy alone, and/or surgery followed by radiation
T3-T4 cancers of the glottis or supraglottis: T3 glottis—tumor limited to the larynx with vocal cord fixation, and/or invades paraglottic space, and/or minor thyroid cartilage erosion (eg, inner cortex) T3 supraglottis—tumor limited to larynx with vocal cord fixation and/or invades any of the following: postcricoid area, pre-epiglottic tissues, paraglottic space, and/or minor thyroid cartilage erosion (eg, inner cortex) T4a glottis or supraglottis—tumor invades through the thyroid cartilage and/or invades tissues beyond the larynx (eg, trachea, soft tissues of neck including deep extrinsic muscle of the tongue, strap muscles, thyroid, or esophagus) T4b glottis or supraglottis—tumor invades prevertebral space, encases carotid artery, or invades mediastinal structures	Concurrent chemoradiation therapy OR open organ-preservation surgery (in highly selected patients)	Radiation therapy	Highest rate of larynx preservation is associated with concurrent chemoradiation therapy compared with other radiation-based approaches, at the cost of higher acute toxicities but without more long-term difficulties in speech and swallowing; when salvage total laryngectomy incorporated, no difference in overall survival; organ preservation surgery is an option in highly selected patients (eg, there are patients with T3 supraglottic cancers that have minimal or moderate pre-epiglottic invasion and are candidates for organ preserving surgery)	Randomized controlled clinical trials comparing concurrent chemoradiation therapy, and/or induction chemotherapy followed by radiation, and/or radiation therapy alone, and/or surgery followed by radiation; comparison of outcomes from case series/prospective single-arm studies

\*A favorable T2 glottic lesion is defined as a superficial tumor, on radiographic imaging, with normal cord mobility. An unfavorable T2 glottic lesion is defined as a deeply invasive tumor on radiographic imaging, with or without subglottic extension, with impaired cord mobility (indicating deeper invasion). A favorable supraglottic lesion is defined as a T1 or T2 tumor with superficial invasion on radiographic imaging and preserved cord mobility, and/or tumor of the aryepiglottic fold with minimal involvement of the medial wall of the pyriform sinus. More locally advanced and invasive T2 supraglottic lesions are considered unfavorable.





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## Cancer guideline development in Europe: A survey among ECCO members

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19. Is there methodological training for members of the guideline development group before starting with the guideline development?

- ☐ Yes, obligatory
- ☐ Yes, optional
- ☐ No

20. Method used to collect evidence (more than one answer possible)

- ☐ Hand searches of published literature (primary and/or secondary sources)
- ☐ Searches of electronic databases
- ☐ Searches of patient registry data
- ☐ Searches on unpublished data

21. Methods used to analyse evidence (more than one answer possible)

- ☐ Decision analysis
- ☐ Meta-analysis
- ☐ Systematic review
- ☐ Non-systematic review
- ☐ Experience based

22. Methods used to formulate recommendations (more than one answer possible)

- ☐ Subjective review
- ☐ Informal expert consensus
- ☐ Formal expert consensus (consensus conferences, nominal group technique or Delphi technique)
- ☐ Evidence-linked (weighting according to a rating scheme)

23. Method of review (more than one answer possible)

- ☐ Clinical validation - pilot testing
- ☐ Clinical validation - trial implementation period
- ☐ Comparison with guidelines from other groups
- ☐ External peer review
- ☐ Internal peer review

24. Is there a process of guideline authorization?

- ☐ Yes, formal authorization by endorsement by professional organization of the target users
- ☐ Yes, authorization otherwise, please specify .....
- ☐ No

# Quality of evidence...



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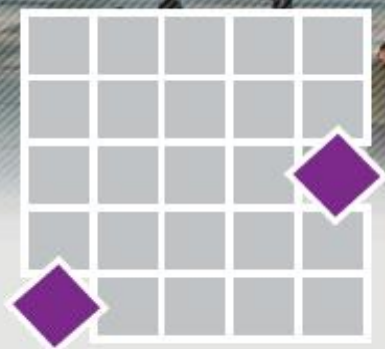


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# European Action Against Rare Cancers

## Recommendations Addressing Regulatory Barriers in Rare Cancer Care

We:

1. Acknowledge that while the process for establishing the efficacy of new medicines is in principle the same for all cancers, the strength of the evidence – intended as level and quality of evidence and statistical precision – that is achievable in common cancers is difficult to achieve in rare conditions and, therefore, a higher degree of uncertainty should be accepted for regulatory as well as clinically informed decision-making.





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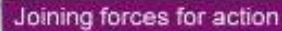
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## Rare cancers – more common than most people think

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# PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS:

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LII. *An Essay towards solving a Problem in the Doctrine of Chances. By the late Rev. Mr. Bayes, F. R. S. communicated by Mr. Price, in a Letter to John Canton, A. M. F. R. S.*

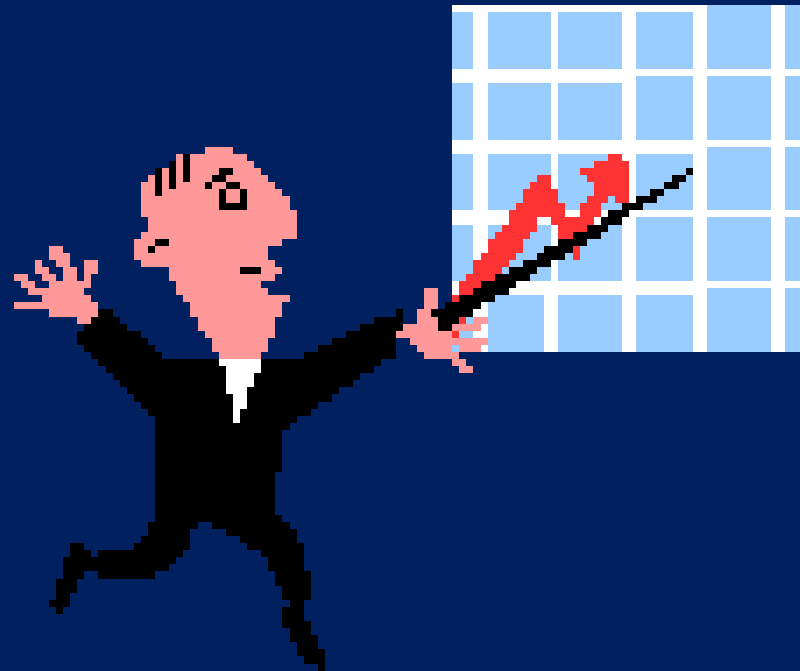
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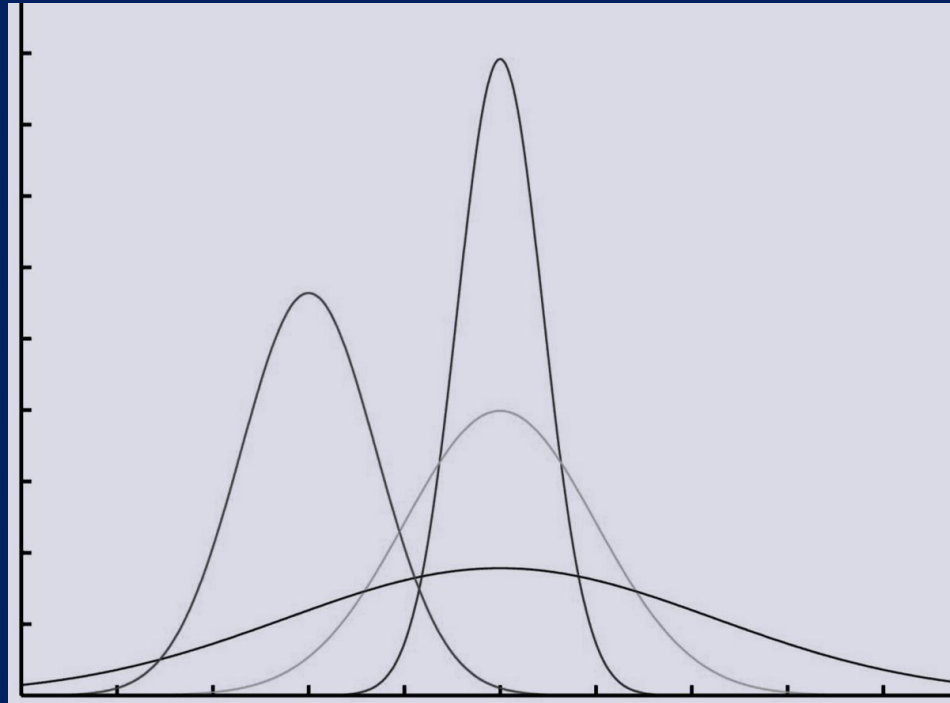
I Now send you an essay which I have found among the papers of our deceased friend Mr. Bayes, and which, in my opinion, has great merit, and well deserves to be preserved. Experimental philosophy, you will find, is nearly interested in the subject of it; and on this account there seems to be particular reason for thinking that a communication of it to the Royal Society cannot be improper.

**Mr. Bayes & Mr. Price. Phil Trans 1763;53:370**





# Knowledge from all evidence...



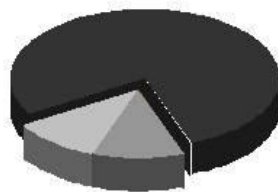
## Rare cancers are not so rare: The rare cancer burden in Europe

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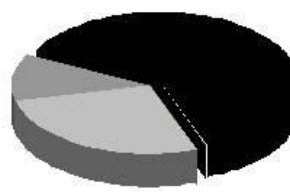
**Table 2 - Data quality indicators and other characteristics of malignant cancers diagnosed in European cancer registries 1995-2002 and included in the analyses.**

Country	Registry	Number of malignant cancers	Data quality indicators				
			Death certificate only (%)	Autopsy (%)	Microscopic verification (%)	Cases 1995-1998 occurred before 5 years (%)	Typography code NCIP (%)
Austria	Austria	306,695	8.9	0.0	85.2	5.9	10.1
Belgium	Flanders	146,715	0.0	0.2	89.8	0.0	7.3
France	Ras Rhin	13,113	0.0	0.0	95.8	3.3	3.9
	Calvados	5895	0.0	0.0	98.1	6.1	2.5
	Calvados digestive	2851	0.0	0.0	87.0	6.4	10.5
	Chlor d'Or digestive	4376	0.0	0.0	82.8	0.5	17.5
	Chlor d'Or hepatol	1884	0.0	0.0	100.0	7.2	0.0
	Dordogne	5762	0.0	0.0	95.8	2.1	3.2
	Haut Rhin	9073	0.0	0.0	96.4	5.8	2.9
	Haut Rhin	10,505	0.0	0.0	9.0	6.4	1.5
	Isere	13,506	0.0	0.0	94.1	4.6	4.1
	Loire Atlantique	3746	0.0	0.0	100.0	6.8	0.0
	Manche	6267	0.0	0.0	96.5	3.7	1.4
	Marne and Ardennes	168	0.0	0.0	100.0	3.6	0.0
Germany	Sonne	6481	0.0	0.0	94.2	6.6	1.5
	Taro	4995	0.0	0.0	93.8	2.0	1.9
Germany	Saarland	54,132	3.9	0.0	91.8	5.8	8.0
Ireland	Ireland	8854	0.1	1.4	96.6	0.0	3.5
Ireland	Ireland	156,529	2.0	0.3	86.7	0.0	11.0
Italy	Abu Adige	18,076	0.7	0.0	89.5	0.0	9.2
	Bella	11,770	1.3	0.4	87.0	0.0	12.5
	Ferrara	23,760	1.1	0.0	88.1	0.4	8.7
	Frosone	60,087	0.9	0.1	80.4	0.4	17.7
	Friuli V.G.	78,882	0.6	1.9	91.0	0.3	9.8
	Genova	64,387	1.8	0.0	81.4	0.0	36.6
	Monza	10,366	1.3	0.0	87.4	0.2	13.1
	Modena	34,947	0.5	0.0	88.6	0.4	11.8
	Napoli	8165	0.0	0.0	73.0	1.9	17.8
	Palermo	581	2.2	0.0	92.6	0.0	7.2
	Pavia	23,066	1.0	0.0	86.0	0.3	0.7
	Ragusa	10,887	1.8	0.8	80.9	0.1	26.6
	Reggio Emilia	22,152	0.2	0.0	88.1	0.0	13.8
	Romagna	60,867	2.4	0.0	87.9	0.1	13.3
	Salerno	26,817	2.5	0.0	77.5	4.0	20.7
	Soneto	18,884	2.9	0.2	84.4	0.0	26.4
	Trento	17,788	2.0	0.0	85.0	0.3	27.8
	Umbria	45,221	0.7	0.0	84.0	0.1	12.6
	Varese	24,708	1.1	0.0	89.0	11.5	20.8
	Veneto	84,518	1.5	0.2	87.5	0.8	13.7

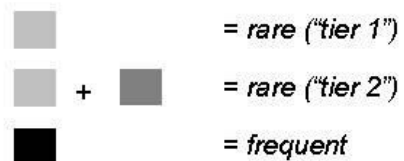
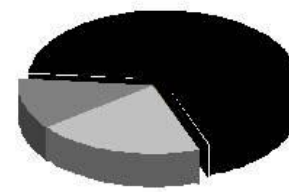
Incidence <6/100,000/y



Incidence <15/100,000/y



Prevalence <50/100,000



# **«Families» of rare cancers**

- **NON CUTANEOUS MELANOMA**
- **SKIN - Rare**
- **THORACIC - Rare**
- **UROGENITAL - Rare**
- **FEMALE GENITAL - Rare**
- **MALE GENITAL**
- **NEUROENDOCRINE**
- **ENDOCRINE ORGAN**
- **CNS**
- **SARCOMAS**
- **DIGESTIVE - Rare**
- **HEAD & NECK – Rare**
- **HEMATOLOGICAL - Rare**
- **PEDIATRIC**

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