



# DIGESTIVE CANCERS EUROPE



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## Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) is now LIVE online

After a hugely successful press launch at ESMO 2018 in Munich this October, our new website and social media platforms are online! Take a look at our latest projects on the website such as the [Interactive Colorectal Cancer Heat Map](#) and the [Living with Cancer Patient Portal](#)....



Jola Gore Booth, Prof. Eric Van Cutsem and Stefan Gijssels led the press conference at the ESMO congress on Monday 22nd October 2018. Highlighting the aim of DiCE to save an extra 250,000 lives over the next year and the exciting new projects in the pipeline for 2019.



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DiCE is committed to preventing deaths from digestive cancers and improving the quality of life and support for those affected by these diseases

**Colorectal Cancer**  
Colorectal Cancer, also known as bowel cancer, develops in the colon or the rectum (the large bowel or the large intestine)...

**Gastric Cancer**  
Stomach cancer, also known as gastric cancer, is a cancer which develops from the lining of the stomach...

**Pancreatic Cancer**  
Pancreatic cancer is caused by malignant (cancer) cells that form in the tissues of the pancreas that lead to the obstruction of the pancreas...

**Rare Cancers**  
Rare cancers are classified in the group of rare diseases which are defined in the EU Directives which are defined as the 27 most diseases with a prevalence of less than 5 cases out of a population of 10,000...

**ABOUT US**

DiCE is the voice of digestive cancer patients in Europe. Its aim is to save lives by bringing together all key stakeholders in the fight against these cancers.

Digestive Cancers Europe is founded as a Belgian non-profit organisation by Jole Gore-Booth - founder of EuropaColon, Prof. Dr. Eric Van Cutsem - Digestive Oncologist of the University Hospital of Leuven, Belgium and Stefan Rissotto - colorectal cancer patient and health policy expert.

Since its foundation in 2008, EuropaColon has gradually expanded geographically now representing 48 patient organisations in 30 countries. Jole Gore-Booth, founder of EuropaColon appointed:

"Over the last 14 years we have set up 47 cancer with existing patient organisations or set up new patient advocacy groups to make sure that the voice of the patient is heard in every European country. We cover almost all countries now and it's the right time to also include other digestive cancer patients whose voice was not represented so far".

The number of patients dying from digestive cancers is exceedingly high. More than 300,000 people in Europe get diagnosed every year with one of the digestive cancer types and approximately 500,000 patients die every year.

Colorectal cancer is highly preventable and when detected early, overall survival rates are approximately 50%. Unfortunately only 18% of patients get diagnosed at an early stage which demonstrates the strong importance of awareness and patient support programmes.

With the best possible screening 880,000 extra lives could be saved annually and 91 billion Euro saved.

The priority activity is to increase overall survival and save an extra 250,000 lives per year by 2028.



**LIVING WITH COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENT PORTAL**

**SURVEY ON UNMET NEEDS OF PATIENTS WITH CRC**

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