

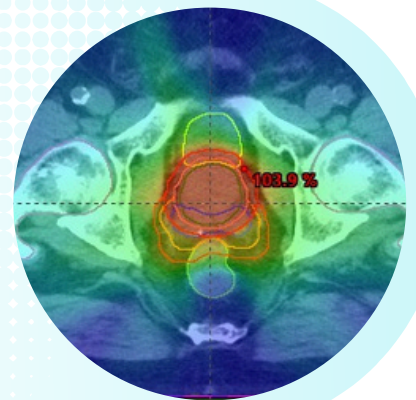


Introduction

The EU-funded **CAT-ClinART project aims to establish a regional network of clinical audits in Catalonia to enhance the quality and safety of radiotherapy.** While you may not specialise in radiotherapy, your understanding of the project and its benefits for patients is essential for the success of this initiative.

What is Radiotherapy?

Radiotherapy is a cancer treatment that uses high-energy radiation to destroy cancer cells. It is a common treatment used for various types of cancer.



CAT-ClinART: Improving the Quality and Safety of Radiotherapy in Catalonia

What is a Clinical Audit?

A clinical audit is a systematic evaluation of the quality of medical care provided to patients. It is not an inspection but an opportunity to **identify areas for improvement and ensure patients receive the best possible treatment.** In radiotherapy, clinical audits assess the entire process, from diagnosis and referral to treatment and follow-up.



Why Are Clinical Audits Important in Radiotherapy?

Radiotherapy is a complex treatment involving high levels of radiation. Any deviation from quality standards can compromise the effectiveness and safety of the treatment, increasing the risk of toxicity, reducing tumour control, or raising the likelihood of incidents and accidents.

Clinical audits help radiotherapy departments identify and correct potential deficiencies, ensuring patients receive safe and effective treatment.

How Will CAT-ClinART Benefit Patients?

- **Improved Quality and Safety of Radiotherapy Treatments:** The project will implement a rigorous clinical audit system, based on international best practices, enabling the identification and correction of potential deficiencies in clinical practice.
- **Harmonisation of Clinical Practices Across Centres:** The project will establish common standards and guidelines for all participating radiotherapy departments, ensuring that all patients receive equivalent high-quality care, regardless of the treatment centre.
- **Identification and Implementation of Best Practices:** Through clinical audits, the project will identify best practices in radiotherapy and share them across participating centres, contributing to continuous improvement in the quality of care.
- **Patient Representation:** The project will include a patient representative on its advisory board, ensuring the patients' perspectives are considered at all stages of the project.



How Can You Participate?

Even if you are not a radiotherapy specialist, you can contribute to the success of the **CAT-ClinART** project by:

- **Learning About the Project and Its Objectives:** You can consult the project website or contact the coordinator, Dr. Núria Jornet, for more information.
- **Sharing Information About the Project:** Spread awareness of the project among your colleagues and patients, particularly those who might benefit from radiotherapy.
- **Supporting the Implementation of Clinical Audits:** Encourage your radiotherapy colleagues to participate in the project and implement its findings.

The CAT-ClinART project is a unique opportunity to improve the quality and safety of radiotherapy in Catalonia. **Your participation is crucial to ensuring that all patients receive the best possible care.**

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about the **CAT-ClinART** project

visit the project website at

www.catclinart.eu

or contact the project coordinator,
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