

BENCHISTA: INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING OF CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVAL BY STAGE

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Welcome to the 4th edition of the BENCHISTA Newsletter. We are very grateful for your continued support and participation in the study.

In this issue, we provide a brief update on cancer registries participation status, number of cases submitted and upcoming communication and dissemination opportunities.

Highlights

The BENCHISTA Project has current participation from 68 Population-Based Cancer Registries (PBCRs) from 24 European countries, Australia, Brazil, Japan, and Canada.

As of 24th April 2023, 10,500 cases have been received (>90% of expected total) and are undergoing quality control.

3 cancer registries have completed the “Accession Document” to join and contribute to the project.

Meet the Team!



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Communication and Dissemination Opportunities

Abstract submitted and accepted for poster presentation at:

- ✓ The Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), March 2023 (focused on child health practices).
- ✓ The "Group for Epidemiology and Cancer Registry in Latin Language Countries" (GRELL), May 2023 (focused on data availability and completeness for PBCRs in the GRELL countries).



The **4th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Oncology** will take place on the 08-12 May 2023 in Valencia, Spain.

A joint session organized with CCI-Europe has been scheduled on **Friday 12th May 2023 from 8am to 9am** (Room 8). In this session we will discuss about the progress of the BENCHISTA project, results to date and future perspectives for the project.

This represents a great opportunity to interact with different European Clinical Trials Groups, oncologists, SIOPE groups, parents and survivors' representatives, funders, and other stakeholders.

The **First in-person Meeting of the BENCHISTA Project Working Group (PWG)** will be held on the **19th-20th June 2023** - Aula Magna at the Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori (INT) in Milan, Italy.

The meeting aims to gather the members of the PWG, tumour-specific clinical experts, parent and patient representatives and other key stakeholders to hear and discuss the first results of the population-based data analyses, the strengths, and limitations of their interpretation, and to plan further tumour-specific analyses according to availability of the non-stage prognostic factors and other optional variables.

We also wish to discuss future perspectives and plans for grant applications to support a potential next phase for the project. For information about travel reimbursement please follow this [LINK](#). Further information can be provided by contacting our [BENCHISTA inbox](#).



Upcoming Meetings:

Project Management Team → Wednesday 24th May 2023
Independent Advisory Board → Monday 18th September 2023



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