WECAN´s Evidence-Based Advocacy Programmes





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Workgroup of European Cancer Patient Advocacy Networks



ABOUT THE EBA WORKSHOP

Evidence-Based Advocacy (EBA) is an approach that uses **research and data to inform and guide advocacy efforts**. WECAN is committed to providing patient advocates with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively use data to **advocate for change**. One way in which WECAN planned to achieve this in Phase 3 of the Programme was through the delivery of a workshop held on the 17th -19th of January 2024 in Munich, Germany.







EBA Advocacy Training – Where science meets change

- Overview of the CANCERSurvey
- Brainstorming session (Defining the unmet need and the project plan)
- Research design
- Mapping stakeholders, collaborators, and partners
- Questionnaire development
- Poster drafting
- Poster presentations
- Reflections and future directions









Knowledge & Skills

With over 40 attendees, including patient advocate trainees, patient advocate experts, carers, clinicians, industry stakeholders and researchers, the workshop aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and skills to **develop an evidence generation project**.

The program focused on the **identification of unmet needs of cancer patients and survivors** (based on the patient pathway), developing research methodologies, and formulating effective communication strategies.





MAIN TOPIC AREAS



This workshop builds on a future WECAN project, the **WECAN CANCERSurvey** which will kickoff in 2024 and will represent a joint WECAN community effort to gather insights into patient experiences.



During the **brainstorming sessions** of the workshop, **eight main topic areas** were identified where additional data needs to be collected for targeted advocacy actions. These areas include:

HEALTH SYSTEM CAPACITY
MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC DISEASES
PATIENT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT
MENTAL HEALTH
SHARED DECISION-MAKING
FINANCIAL TOXICITY
LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP
END-OF-LIFE AND PALLIATIVE CARE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

After the workshop, interested trainees and WECAN members will work together to enhance the strategy for the CANCERSurvey.

If you are interested in knowing more about the topic areas addressed in the brainstorming session, please let us know and we will be happy to share the online whiteboard with you.







It provided a fantastic overview of so many different types of patient experience data. I would highly recommend for anyone intending to design and conduct a survey, collect data or do any advocacy project.

I am writing to thank you and all the WECAN team for the workshop. With your help we could organise a small patient group in Armenia, and currently 6 people are trying to be involved in patient advocacy. Some of them are already translating educational papers, others improve their English, others helping to organise patient education meetings, and some are involved in research.

This course was hugely valuable and will really help to drive forwards our efforts to advocate on behalf of our community. I felt it covered all the key topics I was hoping it would.

High quality and relevant information provided by excellent speakers. I gained many new skills, mindsets and understandings.





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