

Work in Progress:

White Paper

issued by the OEI Task Force on the Socioeconomic Impact of
Cancer

The Socioeconomic Consequences of Cancer: More Serious than Commonly Presumed – Actions Needed and Feasible

A Cancer Patients' Perspective



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Target Audiences

- patient advocacy groups
- health care providers / networks
- including physicians (specialists and g.p.'s)
- regional / national health system authorities
- European HTA agencies, regulatory bodies, policy makers, and authorities

Approach

- authoritative, in-depth
- informative, educational
- accessible to nonspecialists
- well-researched argument
- demonstrating relevance and urgency
- outlining potential solutions
- establish thought leadership
- ... without being an outright «sales pitch»



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Recent Task Force (TF) & WG Meetings

- December 02, 2025 (TF)
- February 24, 2026 (TF)
- March 25, 2026 (TF)
- May 05, 2026 (TF)
- May 15, 2026 (WG)
- June 03, 2026 (WG)
- June 08, 2026 (WG)
- **June 17, 2026 (TF)**
- June 23, 2026 (WG)



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White Paper Structure

- Executive Summary
- Problem Definition
- What Do We Know?
- Critical Gaps
 - Robust and Differentiated Data
 - Integration in Routine Care
- Recommendations – Call to Action
- Conclusions
- References & Further Reading

White Paper – Next Steps

- Full Manuscript, 20 (-24) pages, ~2,500 words
- Target for First Draft end of June 2026,
with illustrative Case Vignettes
followed by
- OEI-Internal Alignment
- Outreach (t.b.c.)
 - ISPOR Europe, November 2026
 - Partnering with ECL (et al.)
 - Presentation to EU Parliament



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