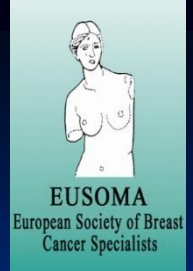


# THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION INITIATIVE IN BREAST CANCER (ECIBC)

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# EUROPEAN RESOLUTIONS



Eusoma is committed to the **development** and **implementation** of **Breast Centres in Europe**, according to the standards set in the Eusoma document "The Requirements of a Specialist Breast Centre".

Such requirements have been recognised by **European Parliament** in the **Resolutions** of 2003 which **"...calls for all women suffering from breast cancer to be entitled to be treated by a multidisciplinary team and calls on The Member States to establish a network of Certified multidisciplinary Breast Centres..."**

and 2006 which **"...calls on the Members States to ensure Nationwide provision of multidisciplinary Breast Centres in accordance with EU Guidelines by 2016, since treatment in an interdisciplinary Breast Centre has been proved to raise chance of survival and to improve quality of life..."**



# THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION PLAN 2015-2018

- Update European guidelines
- Write quality standards document in 2015/6 and pilot accreditation in 2017
- Agree implementation with all EU countries in 2018
- In 2018 all EU breast cancer cases will only be treated in accredited units which conform to the European QA document
- Non conforming units will have to close or partner with a large unit

# THE FUTURE

- European Commission via JRC (joint research centre based in Ispra, Italy) has commissioned a 3yr programme to update European Breast Guidelines and produce an accreditation plan to be used across all European Breast Centres according to European Parliament resolutions

Info at JRC Science hub

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/healthcare-quality>

# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Quality Assurance Development Groups-2015  
Joint research centre of the European Commission

- **Guidelines Development Group** – will update European Guidelines by 2016
- **Quality Assurance Scheme Development Group**- will set the quality indicators and the template for accreditation of European Breast Groups prior to commencement of the accreditation programme.
- Members appointed in July 2015 (34 Members in each group)
- Prof R Mansel is Chair of the QASDG group



# 3 REPORTS ALREADY AVAILABLE

- \* Review and analysis of external quality assessment of breast cancer services in Europe
- \* Report of a survey on accreditation and conformity assessment in the field of breast cancer in Europe
- \* Report of a European survey on the organisation of breast cancer care services

# ECIBC PROCESS

- Scoping document for public comment by stakeholders out next week
- Then European breast guidelines will be updated
- A series of PICO questions to Iberian Cochrane centre to establish evidence, eg volume v outcomes, MDT presence v outcomes
- Then QA standards will be written and consulted on



# ECIBC PROGRESS

- After evidence gathered QI standards set
- Public consultation
- Accreditation programme then written
- Piloting of the accreditation programme in several breast units in Europe representing both large and small and economically diverse.
- Report to European Commission for approval and distribution to Health Depts in EU countries

# DIFFICULTIES IN EUROPE

- Funding and legal differences
- Low volume units
- Pseudo MDM organisation
- Lack of patient support on diagnosis
- Databases not containing outcomes
- “True” patient choice and documentation of decisions
- Variable screening arrangements

# PROBLEMS OF ACCREDITATION

“Healthcare systems based on reimbursement find the effective implementation of MDM more challenging

MDM structure has enormous potential to harmonise and improve cancer care through **better** documentation, staging, audit of outcomes and clinical research.”

(Gina Brown BMJ Editorial 2012;344:e2780)

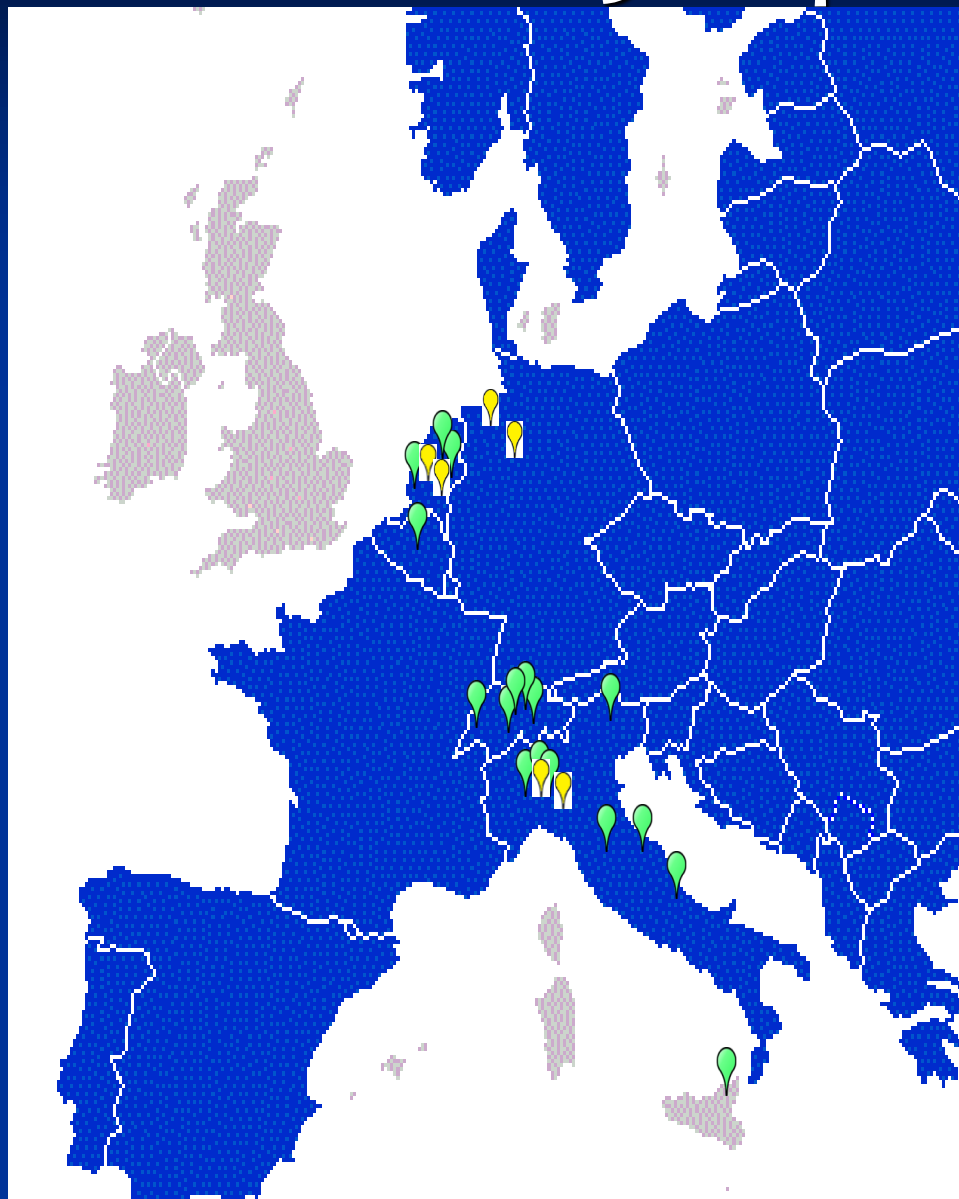
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Centres  
in process



Certified  
Centres



# Bcert European Accreditation

- Accredited units have a high level of performance.
- EUSOMA database suggests that compliance with clinical guidelines is generally correct.
- Now the remaining units should be audited and accredited according to the European Commission plan (in progress)

# USA ACCREDITATION

- National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers
  - US based and 3 international centers in London/Dubai/Montreal
  - In the US 500 centers accredited with 250 in the process
  - Lead-Carey Kaufmann
- Contact [NAPBC@facs.org](mailto:NAPBC@facs.org)

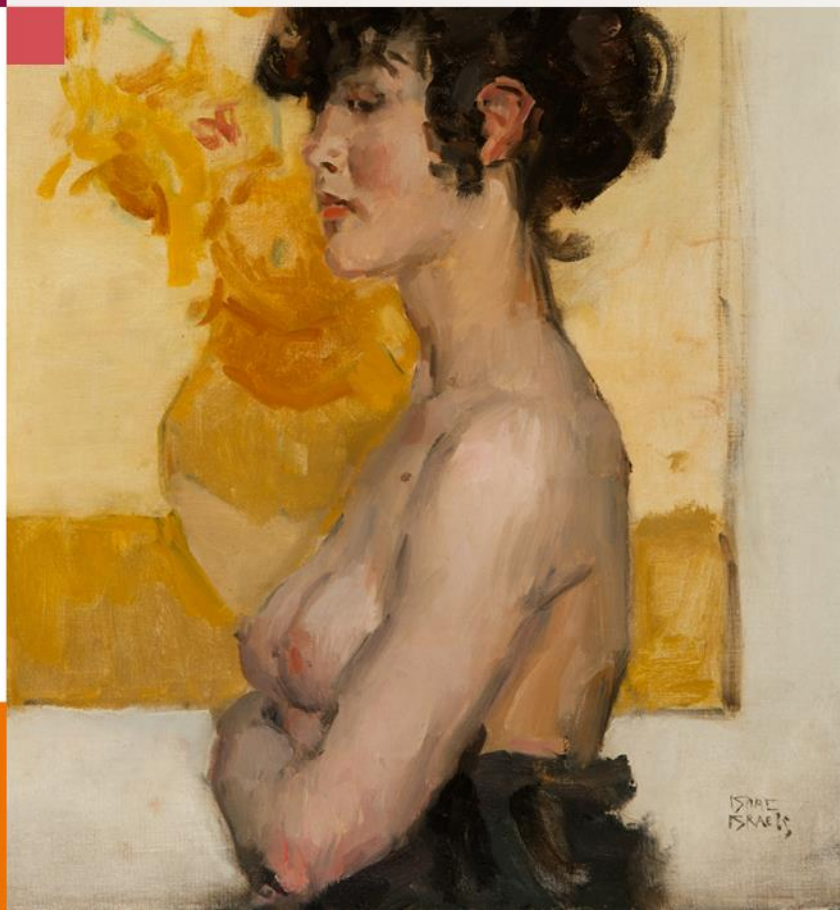
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