

Cancer and COVID-19

- Cancer organisations around the world are experiencing sharp declines in funding and operational resources
- A pulse survey conducted by UICC with over 100 of its member organisations in 55 countries, revealed that almost three-quarters experienced reductions in income of anywhere from 25% to 100%. An analysis of the survey is available [in *The Lancet Oncology*](#).
- Cancer patients have suppressed immune systems and so due to their fears – as well as those of family members – related to COVID-19, they may cancel or delay hospital visits. A similar fear of contagion may mean that people do not seek in-person medical advice, thus delaying the start of treatment. Restrictions on travel and social distancing guidelines also represent barriers to seeking care.
- Less prevention, delayed treatment and suspended early detection programmes and diagnoses could lead to a higher number of deaths due to cancer in the months and years to come.
- For stories on specific regional challenges and responses, as well as how cancer care is adapting to and looking beyond COVID-19, [please visit the dedicated webpage](#).
- **Impact around the world**
 - [Asia: The Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Care in the Post Pandemic World: Five Major Lessons Learnt from Challenges and Countermeasures of Major Asian Cancer Centres](#)
 - [Canada: Measuring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on organized cancer screening and diagnostic follow-up care in Ontario, Canada](#)
 - [Europe: Covid-19 & Cancer Data Intelligence](#)
 - [Latin America: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Oncology Clinical Research in Latin America](#)
 - [India: Impact of COVID-19 on cancer care in India: a cohort study](#)
 - [United Kingdom: Economic impact of avoidable cancer deaths caused by diagnostic delay during the COVID-19 pandemic: A national population-based modelling study in England, UK](#)
 - [United States: New cancer diagnoses fell sharply as the coronavirus pandemic first hit; and Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Care: How the Pandemic Is Delaying Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment for American Seniors](#)

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