

ERN Support and Training programme- WP17- EJP RD**Report Workshop “Endocrine cancer: a challenge in adults and children”****Date/Venue/Format**

Date: 04 May 2022

Venue: Maria Sklodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology,
Gliwice Branch, Poland

In-person

Numbers (participants, speakers, ERNs represented, patient representatives)

Total number of participants (including speakers): 40 (2 speakers had their presentations online)

Total number of participants (without speakers): 31 (28 from Poland, two from Lithuania, one from Italy)

Summary of the workshop

The EJP RD Workshop "Endocrine cancer: a challenge in adults and children" met our scientific expectations. Above all, our aim was to present a coherent view of research progress among endocrinologists and oncologists, dealing with both adult patients and children with rare endocrine tumors.

We particularly wish to highlight Professor Steven Waguespack's excellent summary of these issues in his lecture "Papillary thyroid cancer in children and adults – is it the same disease?". This lecture, together with Thera Links's talk "How to realize in the everyday practice a principle of de-escalation of DTC treatment?" formed a wonderful whole.

In Poland, we are preparing to update the Recommendations on Thyroid Cancer in Children, and we have had many doubts so far about how to approach this task. Now, after these lectures, we feel strengthened in our position, which we plan to present in the near future to the editorial team of the Recommendations on Thyroid Cancer in Children.

Of course, as the most common neoplasm of the endocrine system, both in adults and in children, thyroid cancer could not overshadow our other essential questions concerning adrenal cancer, paragangliomas, and pheochromocytomas. Therefore, we are extremely delighted that we were able to listen to outstanding authorities in these fields - Professor Guillaume Assie ("Molecular classification for prognostic assessment of adrenocortical carcinoma") and Professor Ivana Jochmanova ("Genomic landscape of



pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma in children and adolescents"). Both Professors presented an overview of the latest molecular research results and the indications that we can apply in clinical practice.

We are sure that these lectures enriched our knowledge and gave us valuable practical tips. However, one should emphasize that these were challenging lectures, abounding in an impressive amount of data.

That is why we are so pleased that, with the help of EJP-RD, we were able to register these lectures electronically. Admittedly, their electronic processing is still in progress, but as soon as we are familiar with it, we will offer to discuss them further online.

We are sure that this event will generate a lot of interest - of course, if we receive permission from EJPRD that this recording can be distributed among all endocrinologists in Poland who are not members of the ERN.

The Workshop was concluded with a clinical lecture by Professor Birute Zilaitiene from Lithuania, who discussed the management of endocrine carcinoma in pregnancy. Although the talk was not intended as a presentation of scientific progress, it was nevertheless of great practical importance for clinicians -endocrinologists.

The organization of the Workshop met with good interest among the ERN members. As we emphasized in our application, the organization of the Workshop was intended to help us establish contacts with endocrinologists working in Eastern European countries.

