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Interested in joining the ERN-LUNG BE Core Network?

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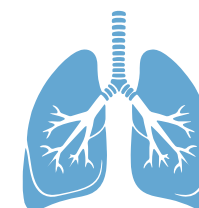
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ERN-LUNG Core Network: Bronchiectasis (BE)



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Requirements for joining the ERN-LUNG BE Core Network

ERN-LUNG comprises 10 Core Networks (CNs), each responsible for developing disease-specific action plans aligned with the network's overall strategy. Each CN defines minimum requirements for patient volume, multidisciplinary team composition, infrastructure, and clinical procedures.

Indicator	Minimum Number required/HCP/year (Adults)
Minimum number of TOTAL patients (visited, treated, or followed) per year	200

Core Multidisciplinary Team

Clinical Follow up



- In patient length of stay (averages)
- Pulmonary function
- Exacerbation rate
- Inhaled/IV antibiotics
- Sputum microbiology
- Mortality - respiratory cause of death
- Mortality - non-respiratory cause of death
- % of patients diagnosed with HRCT
- Bronchiectasis Severity Index
- % of patients investigated with serum immunoglobulins / CT scan / tested for allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis
- % of patients taught chest clearance by a physiotherapist

Human Recourse Requirements



- Pulmonologist / Paediatric Pulmonologist
- Radiologist
- Nurse
- Physiotherapist
- Study Nurse

ERN-LUNG Actions

The ERN-LUNG Bronchiectasis Core Network is working to improve the quality of care for patients with BE in Europe and the evidence base for evaluation and treatment of the disease. For this purpose, it is also closely aligned to the European Respiratory Society Clinical Research Collaboration (CRC) EMBARC and the paediatric CRC Child-BEAR-Net. We are also very active in research – one of our highlights is the EMBARC-BRIDGE study, whose objectives are to define and validate endotypes of stable BE, to develop biomarkers that can be used to classify BE patient phenotypes and endotypes, among others. On the other hand, we are now working on expanding the paediatric bronchiectasis Child-BEAR-Net registry. Our patient representatives and medical experts have contributed to the development of content and resources curated on the Bronchiectasis Patient Priorities website, an initiative of the European Lung Foundation.

Where are our BE member institutions located?



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