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Requirements for joining the ERN-LUNG ILD 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.

Interested in joining the ERN-LUNG ILD Core Network?

Contact the network coordination team at info@ern-lung.eu for information on the application process and to connect with network members.



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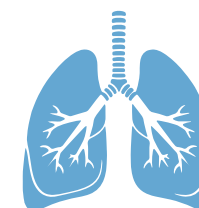
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ERN-LUNG Core Network: Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)



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Indicator	Minimum Number required/HCP/year (Adults)	
	Adults	Children
Minimum number of TOTAL patients (visited, treated, or followed) per year	> 400	20
Minimum number of NEW patients per year	> 150	4
Cases discussed in MDD	> 150	
Pulmonary function tests with DLCO	> 400	
BAL per year	> 50	
Cryobiopsies/VATS per year	> 20	

Competence Requirements	Core Multidisciplinary Team	
Clinical Follow up • Progression free survival • Rate of respiratory hospitalization • GAP staging • HRCT findings • Exercise test (6 min walk) • PROMs (Patient Reported Outcome Measures) EuroQoL • Pulmonary function (FVC, FEV1, DLCO) • Median Z-score of Body Mass Index (BMI) • Patients with enteral nutrition (%) • Death (% patients) • Lung transplant (% patients) • Oxygen therapy (% of patients) • Vital status assessment • Pulmonary Hypertension screening (echocardiography) • Pulmonary Hypertension diagnosis (right heart catheterization) • Lung function at rest • Autoimmune serology available in the center • ≥ 150 ILD cases discussed in MDD per year • No. of patients undergoing approved drug therapy/enrolled in clinical trials • No. of patients not included to undergo drug therapy		
	Adultcare • Pulmonologist (≥2) • Radiologist • Pathologist • Rheumatologist • Immunologist • Specialized Nurses • Study Nurse • Physiotherapist • Social Worker • Medical Secretary	Childcare (additionally required) • Nutritionist • Psychologist • Data Typist
Research • Multidisciplinary discussion according to guidelines in a center dedicated to ILD for > 5 years • Participation in clinical research in ILD for > 5 years		

ERN-LUNG Actions

The ERN-LUNG ILD Core Network works closely with the patient organization European Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Related Disorder Federation (EU-IPFF) on joint activities to disseminate information on patient access and quality of care in Europe. In collaboration with the ERS, we are also involved in the ARIANE-IPF project, which is one of the Clinical Research Collaboration (CRC) initiatives of the ERS to create a European IPF meta-registry. With the aim of encouraging initiatives to improve and verify the diagnostic accuracy of ILD, we have also contributed to a study developing a novel “virtual” diagnosis software called “IPF database”. You may find more information and useful infographics on the ELF webpage.

Where are our ILD member institutions located?



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