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REDECAN. THE POPULATION BASED CANCER REGISTRIES NETWORK OF SPAIN

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Introduction

As in France or Italy, Spain has a large number of provincial or regional population-based cancer registries (PBCRs) which cover near 30% of the population of the whole state. During recent years, several projects have been carried out among all or the majority of the registries. As one of the results of this collaboration, a monographic issue on cancer control in Spain was published in 2010 in *Annals of Oncology*. An increasing need to work in a coordinated way has been perceived and, for this reason and others, the Spanish Network of Cancer Registries (REDECAN) was created in November 2010 integrated by all Spanish PBCRs and RNTI (Childhood National Cancer Registry).



1st Network meeting

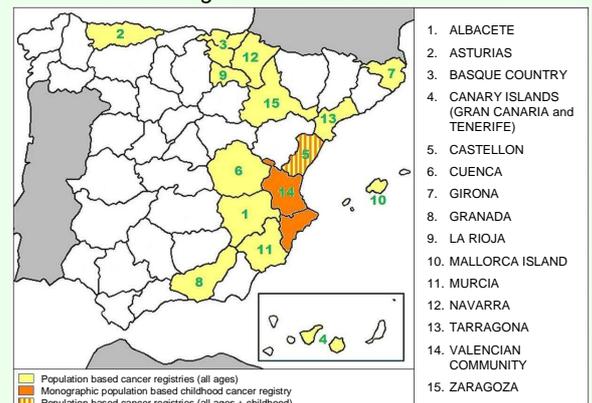
Objectives

The aim of REDECAN is to strengthen the role of the Spanish PBCRs and of the RNTI as one of the main elements of the cancer information system in Spain in order to contribute to general objective of the surveillance and control of cancer. REDECAN provides a continuous and organized framework for the activities of the PBCRs of Spain and of the RNTI.

Their specific objectives are:

- To contribute to the comparability and standardization of the registration systems.
- To facilitate the training of the scientists and technicians of cancer registries.
- To strengthen the role of the cancer registries' professionals.
- To give support to new PBCRs.
- To encourage cooperative studies.
- To assure the quality of data of the Registries belonging to REDECAN.
- To obtain and provide to the health authorities and to the scientific community with information on incidence, survival and prevalence of cancer in Spain.
- To promote, facilitate, carry out and publish research on cancer using data of cancer registries.
- To improve the visibility of the Spanish PBCRs, both to the health authority level, and to the health professionals and the general population.
- To promote the cooperation with the PBCRs of Latin-America.

Cancer registries of REDECAN Network



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Materials and Methods

A Board of Directors meets periodically and establishes the network rules. Some Working Groups on different topics have been set up on Cooperative Projects, Education and Training, Comparability and Quality of Data, Common Database, Demography, National Estimates, Web Page, Funding, Authorships.

First Results

A first education and training course has been held in 2011 on haematological tumours. A methodology to present and approve cooperative projects has already been defined and a first cooperative project in the frame of the Network is in process. The creation of a common database is also in progress and the definition of the methodology to calculate the national incidence estimates is at a very advanced stage. We are seeking as well to establish agreements with health institutions.



1st Network course

Discussion and Conclusions

During the first year of running, some very good experiences have been carried out. It is expected that the Network REDECAN will achieve an important role in the general objective of the surveillance and control of cancer in Spain, being the reference in population based cancer information and that it will produce many interesting results in the future.

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