

# Importance of ESMO Guidelines in implementing common cancer care standards and innovations all around the EU



**On Equality  
in Beating the  
Cancer**

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# ESMO IN A NUTSHELL

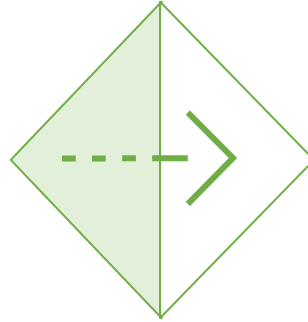
ESMO is the leading professional organisation for medical oncology.  
Driven by a shared determination to secure the best possible outcomes for  
patients,  
ESMO is committed to caring for the carers  
who are engaged in action against cancer in their communities.



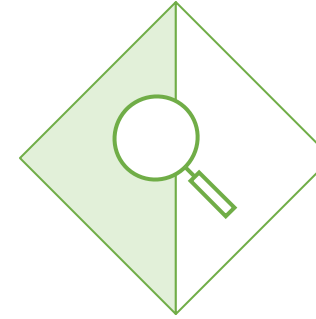
# ESMO MISSION



**Improve  
quality of prevention,  
diagnosis, treatment and care**



**Advance  
the art and practice  
of oncology**



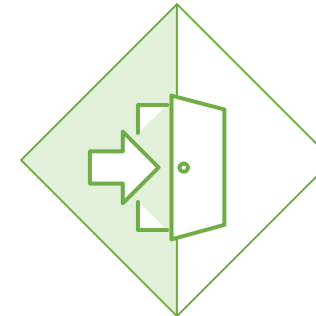
**Disseminate  
knowledge to cancer  
patients and the public**



**Educate and train  
oncology  
professionals**



**Ensure  
a high standard of  
qualification**



**Promote  
equal access to  
optimal cancer care**



# ESMO VISION 2025

**ONE ONCOLOGY  
COMMUNITY**

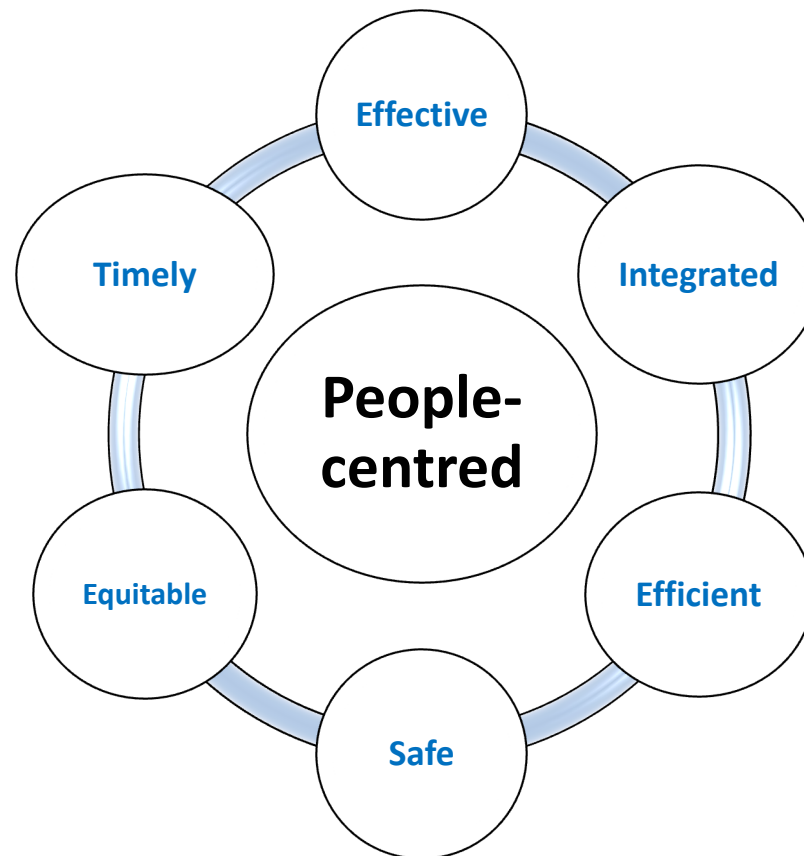
**ACCESSIBLE  
CANCER CARE**



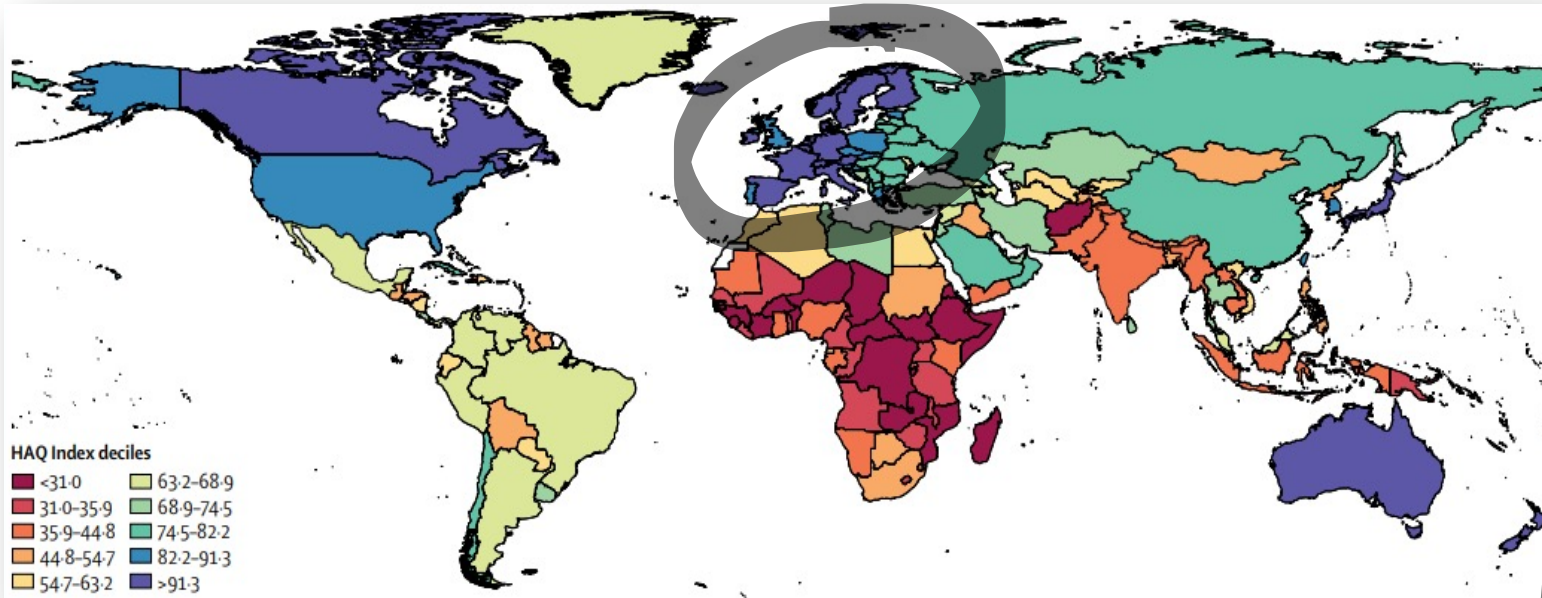
**EDUCATION  
FOR LIFE**

# What is Quality in Healthcare?

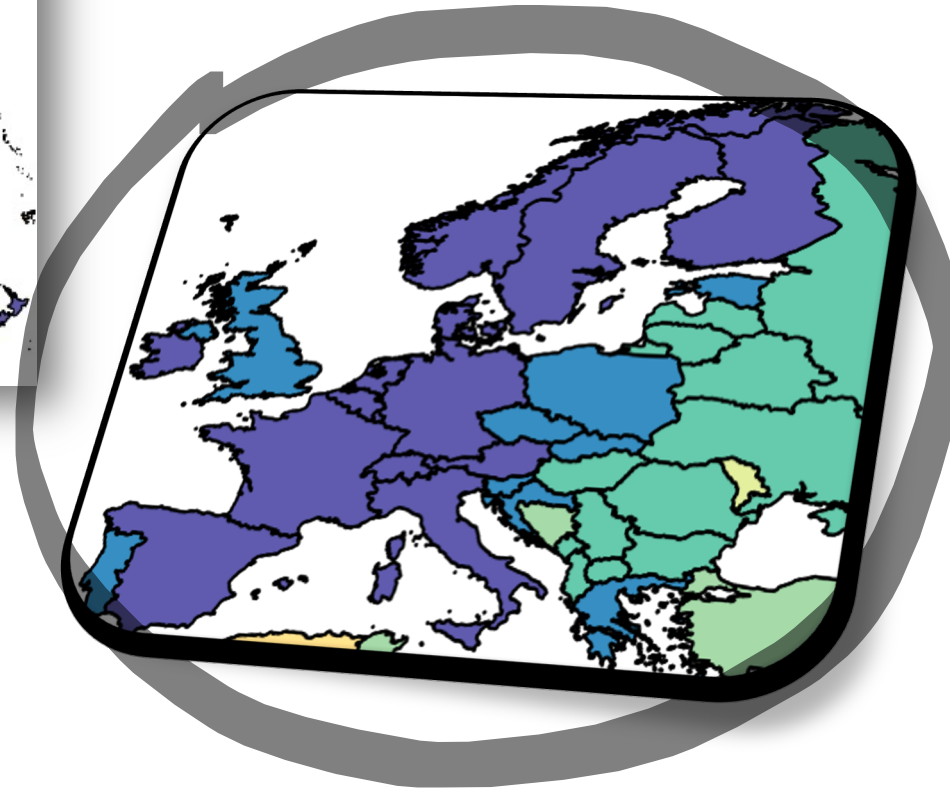
Quality of care is the degree to which health services for individuals & populations increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes



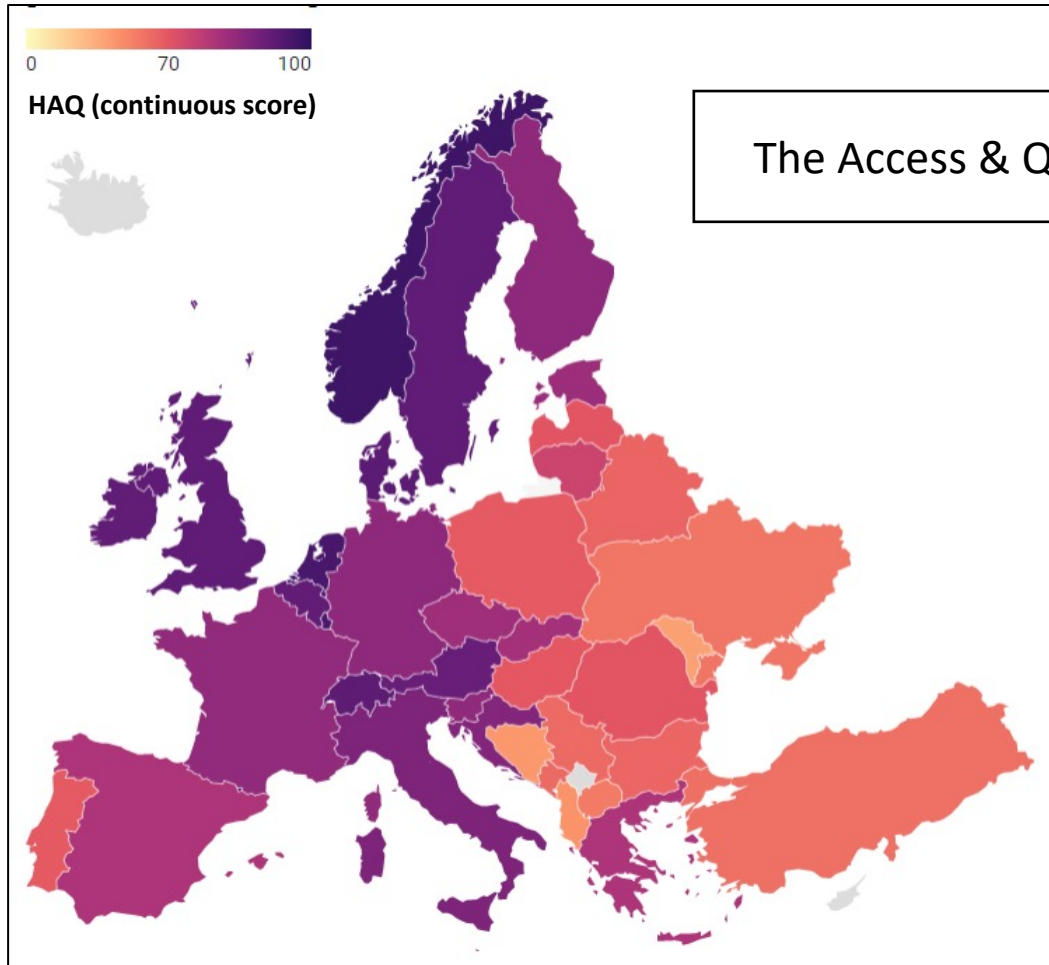
# Access & Quality of **care** is unevenly distributed



HAQ, Healthcare Access and Quality Index



# Access and Quality of **cancer care** is unevenly distributed in **Europe**



The Access & Quality indicator is based on tracer metrics for selected tumor types

Variabilities across the countries are multifactorial

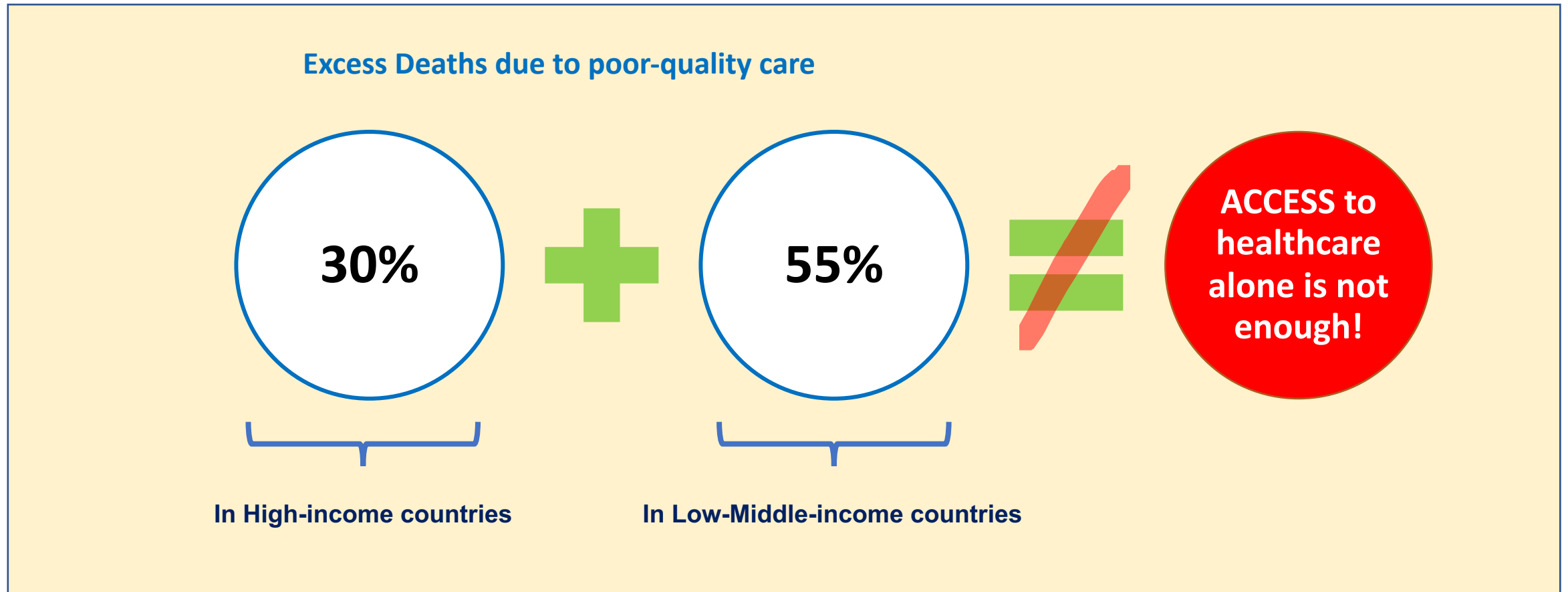
Screening Programs

Population coverage and participation

Evidence-based Cancer Treatments

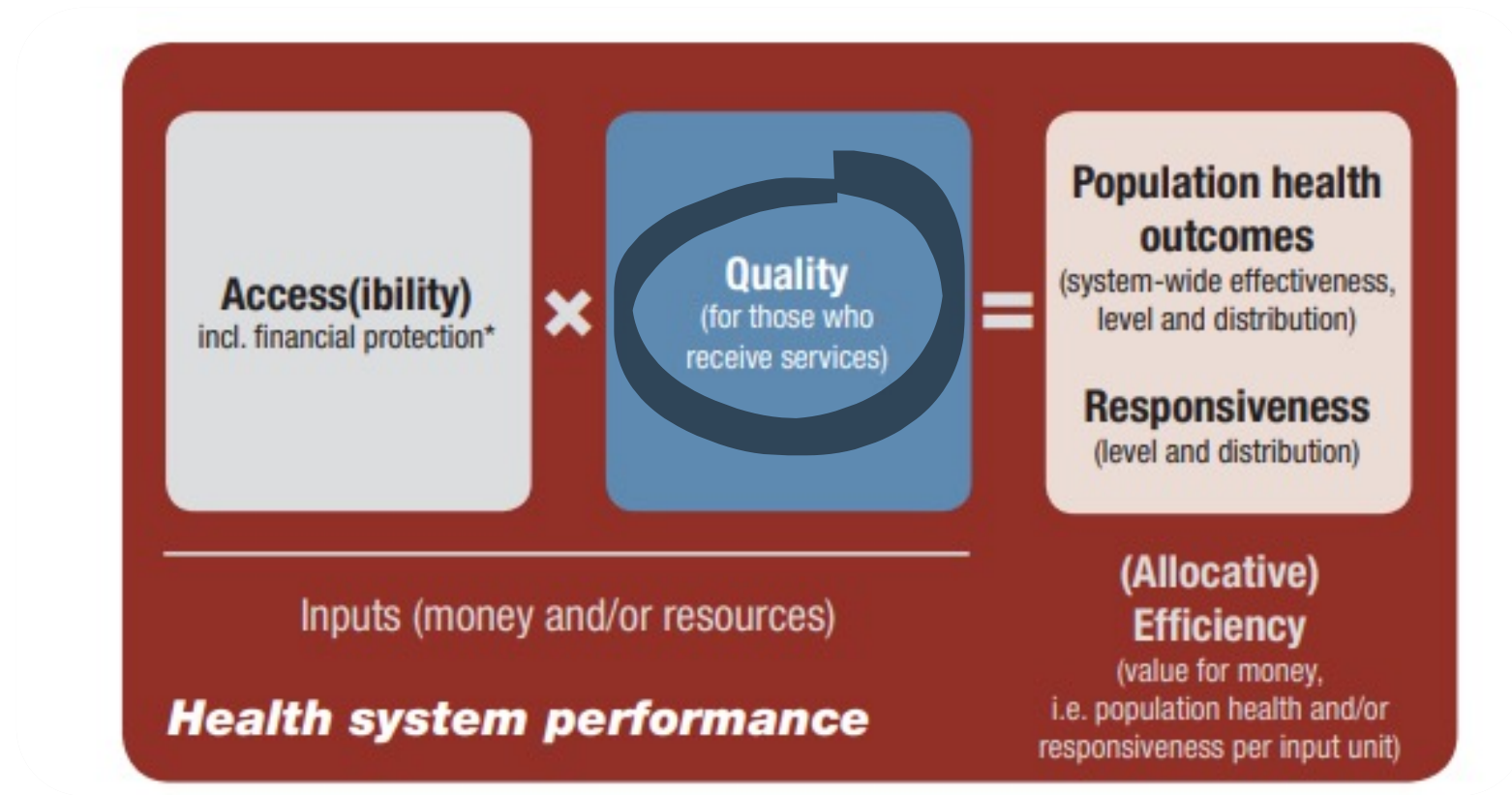
mortality/ incidence ratio

# Quality of care is a major determinant of health outcomes

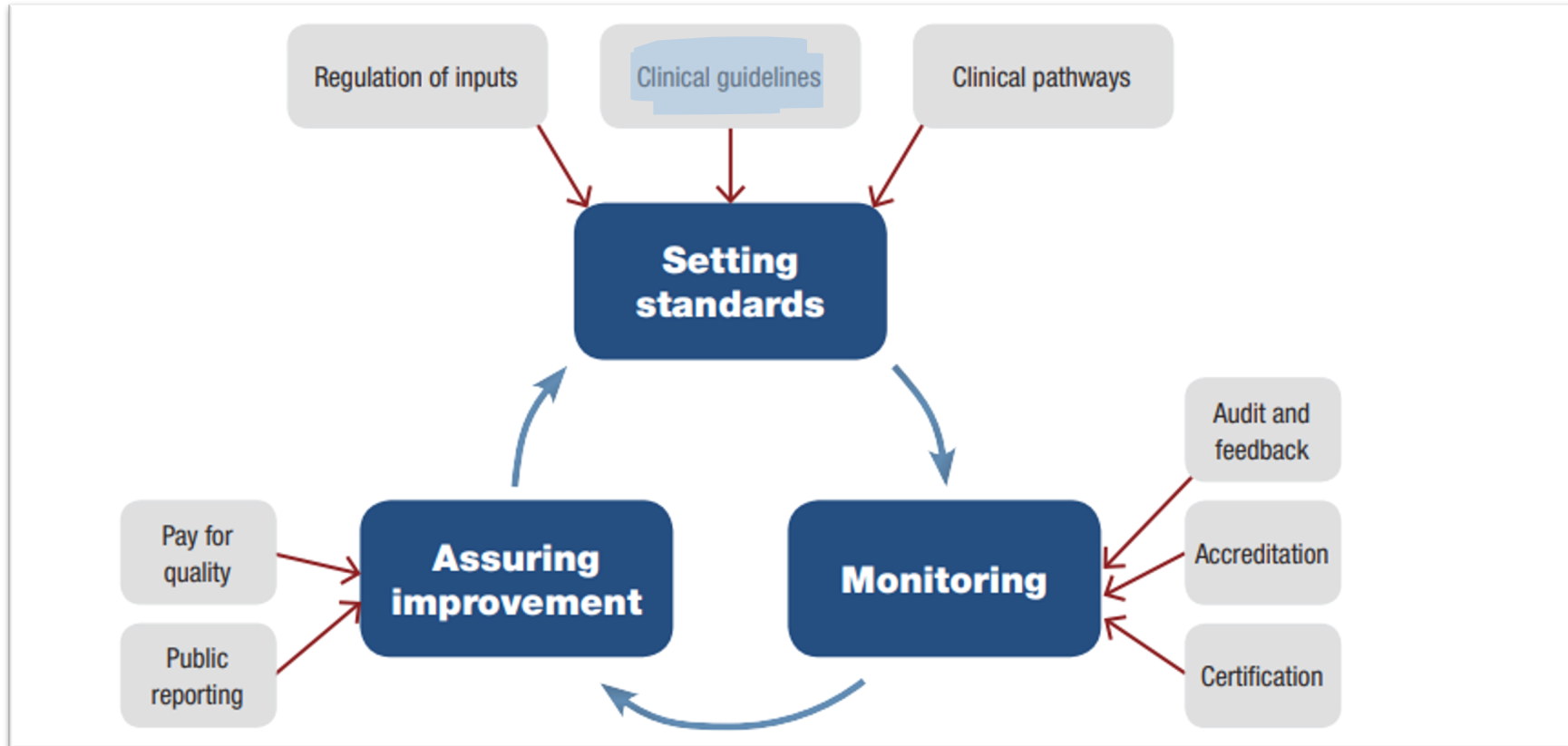




# Quality of Care is critical to deliver population health impact

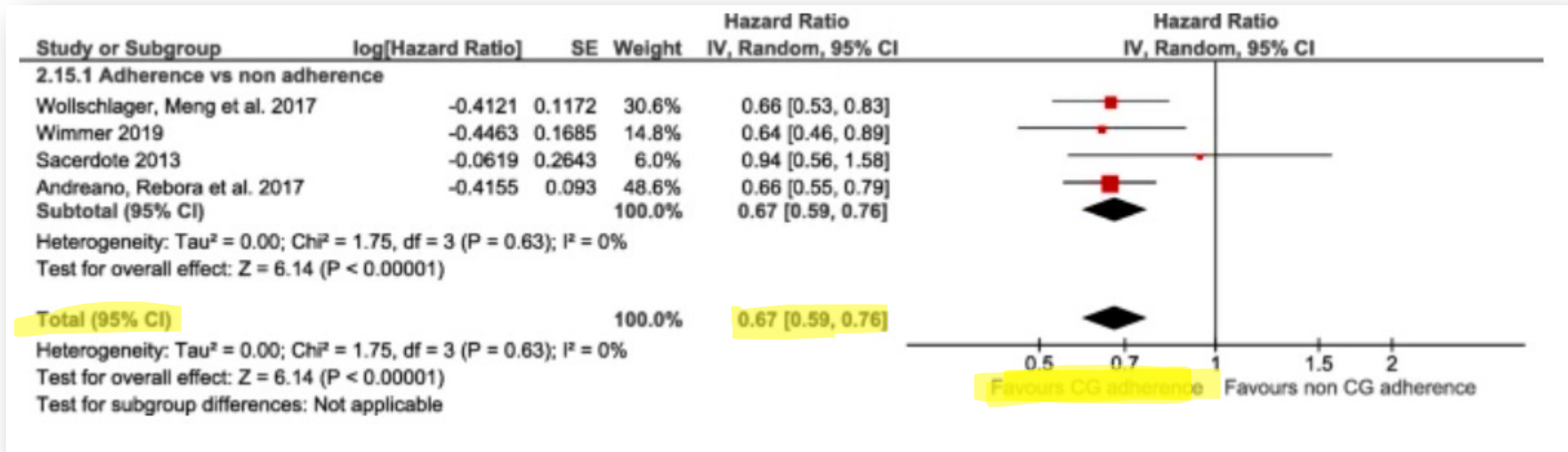


# Quality improvement is a strategic effort



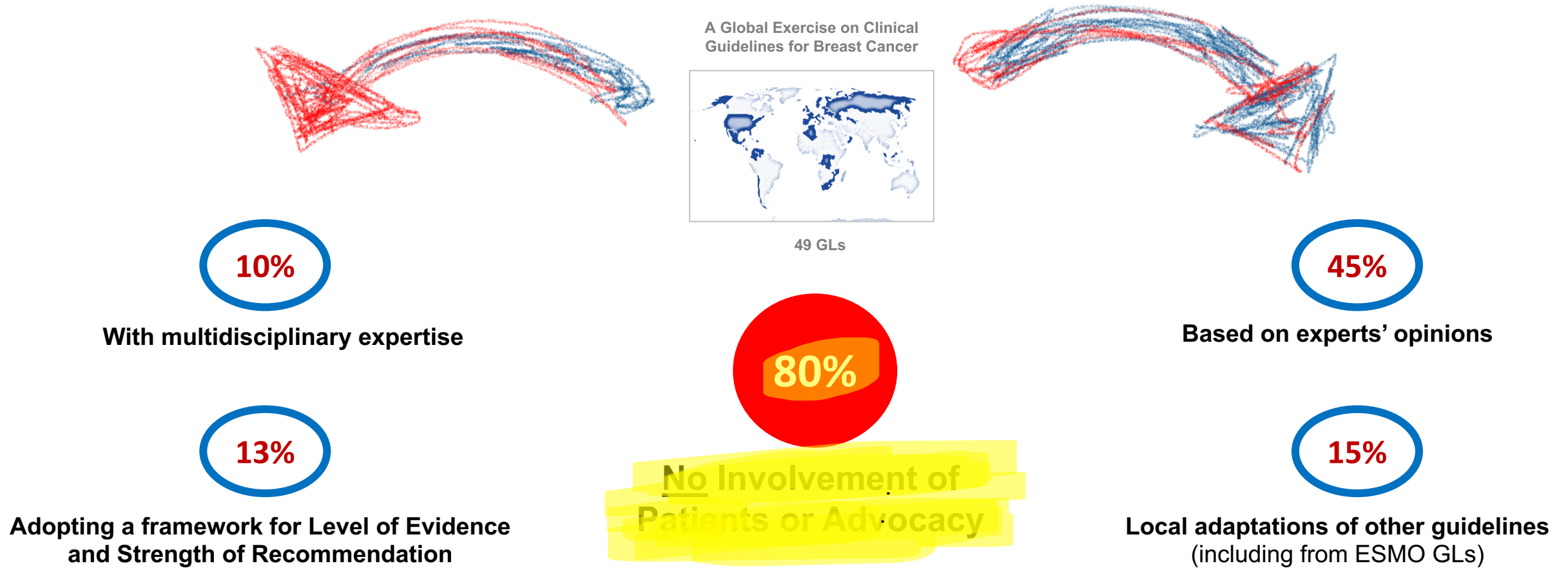
# Implementing evidence-based Clinical Practice Guidelines can improve the Quality of Cancer Care

*Meta-analysis of the association between adherence to breast cancer clinical guidelines with overall survival rate in EU*



**Adherence to quality, evidence-based treatment guidelines is associated with an improvement of +33% of the cancer survival**

# Not all Guidelines are the same



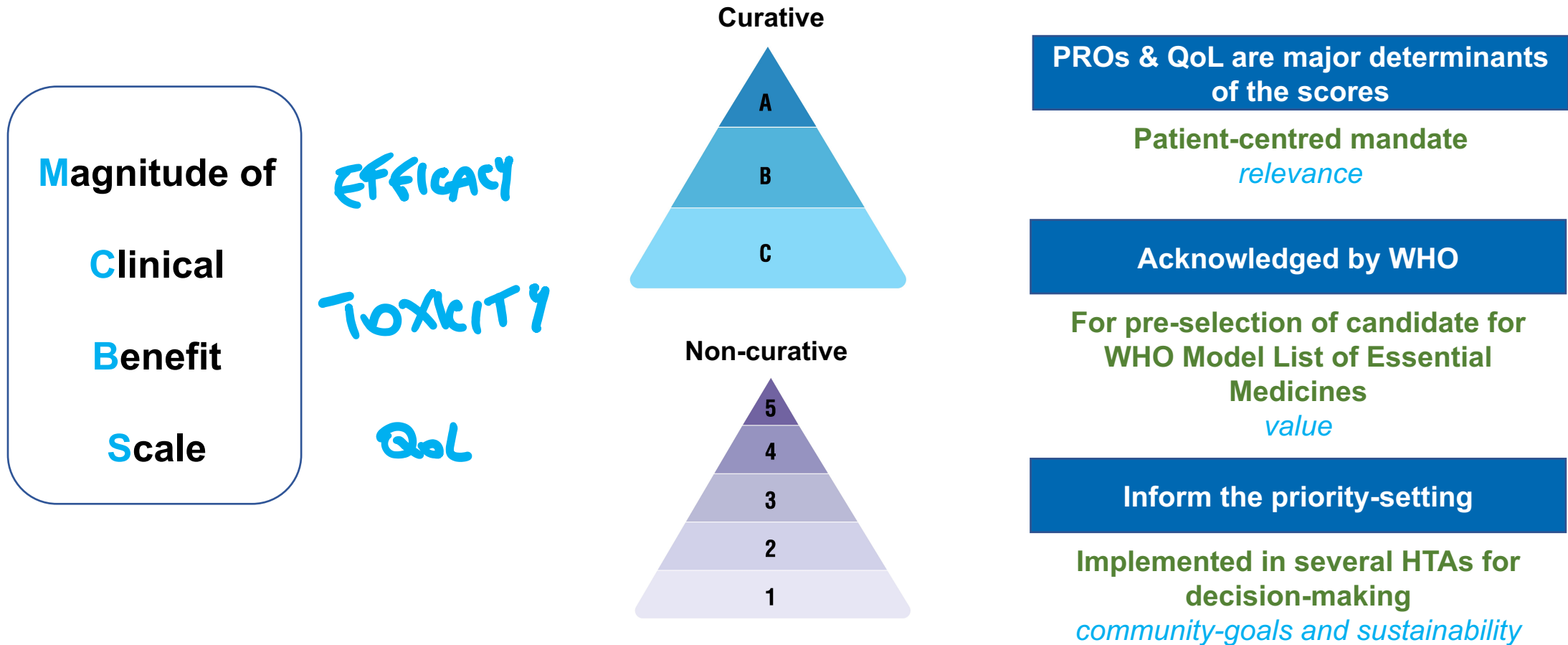


# ESMO Guidelines: an evidence-based tool

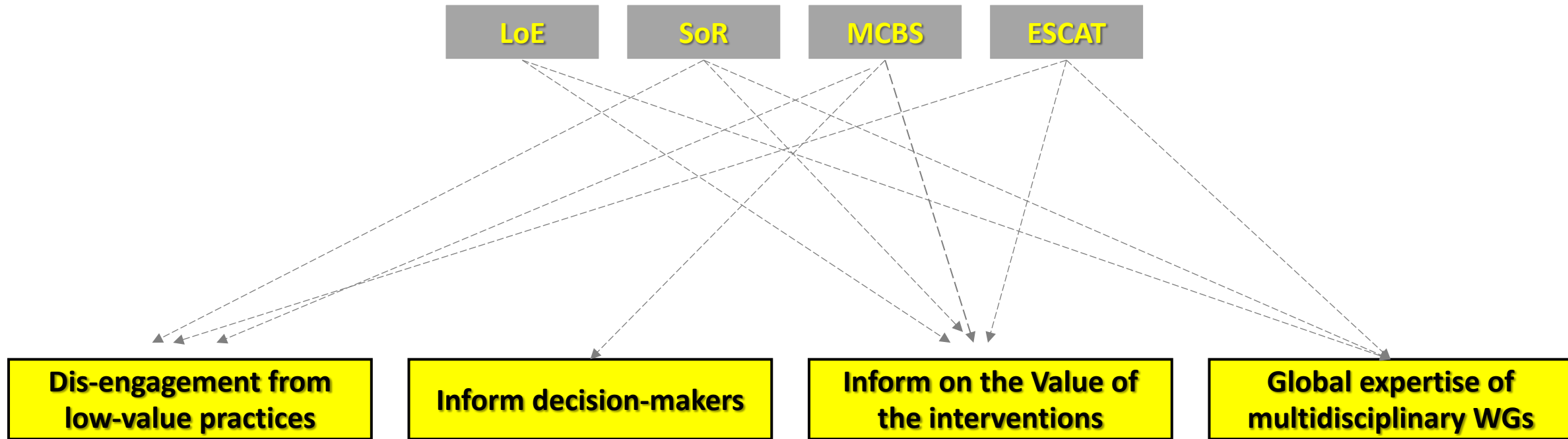


LoE, level of evidence  
SoR, strength of recommendation  
ESMO-MCBS, ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale  
ESCAT, clinical actionability tiers

# ESMO-MCBS: a tool to help deliver value-based healthcare

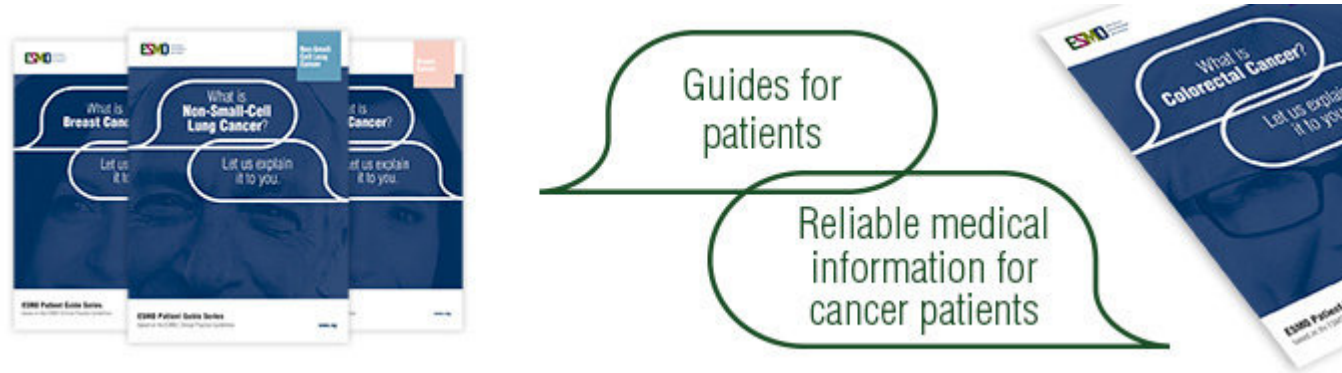


# ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines: setting quality standards & best practices



**ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines** are informed by multiple tools for assessment of the robustness of the evidence, grade of recommendation and patient-centred frameworks to deliver consistent, coherent, harmonized and comprehensive, multidisciplinary and integrated clinical recommendations.

# ESMO Patient Guides based on the ESMO Guidelines



**ESMO Cancer Guides for Patients are designed to assist patients, their relatives and caregivers to better understand the nature of different types of cancer and evaluate the best available treatment choices.**

- The medical information is based on the ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines, making them understandable and accessible to patients.
- The Guides are available in English, and many are translated into other languages.

ESMO has also produced several Patient Guides on special issues such as Patients on Survivorship, Immunotherapy-Related Side Effects and Their Management, Cancer Pain Management and Personalised Medicine.

<https://www.esmo.org/for-patients/patient-guides>



# ESMO Patient Advocacy Working Group



The ESMO Patient Advocates Working Group (PAWG) has the main mission of the **optimisation of patient care** in Europe and worldwide, the continuous **improvement of cancer-specific information** and education, the strengthening of **patient autonomy** and the support of **patient rights**.

The Working Group organizes educational events for patients and also the Patient Advocacy Track at the annual ESMO Congress.

We invite all patient advocacy groups to attend the ESMO 2022 Congress, 9-13 September, in Paris, France, virtually or in person.

<https://www.esmo.org/about-esmo/organisational-structure/european-policy-committee/patient-advocates-working-group>  
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# High-Quality of Care is a TOP Priority in cancer care



**How could health care be anything other than high quality?**

*Quality as: timeliness, equity, integration, and efficiency*



## 5. ENSURING HIGH STANDARDS IN CANCER CARE

***Delivering higher-quality care:*** Ensure that people in the EU have the right to access affordable, preventive and curative healthcare of good **quality**

# ESMO Vision 2025



*"No matter who one is or where one lives, everyone deserves access to accurate information on cancer and quality care services in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and support."*



## One Oncology Community

Cancer professionals grow together in a community that fosters inclusion across disciplines and geographical borders to cater to their diverse needs.



## Education for Life

Oncologists everywhere are supported in their development through continuous education that helps them keep up with standards of cancer care and advances in the field.



## Accessible Cancer Care

People around the world benefit equally from reliable cancer care built on a concerted global effort to create sustainable models of prevention, diagnosis and treatment.



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BETTER MEDICINE  
BEST PRACTICE

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