

Prioritizing care for high-risk COVID-19 patients in the EU: policy recommendations

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Next steps & Acknowledgements

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Potential next steps

Our goal is to build a convincing narrative on respiratory diseases, ensuring their inclusion as a top priority in the 2024 manifestos of the various European political groups. To do this, starting tomorrow, I believe we need to proceed with the following steps:

- 1) To disseminate the Covid-19 Patient Pathway Recommendations through a social media campaign, with direct involvement of supporting PAGs;
- 2) To strengthen advocacy efforts for the recognition of care pathways for high-risk patients, we need to disseminate the Recommendations among different PAGs, with showing and explaining to them the methodology, rationale and value of the Covid-19 Patient Pathway Recommendations. In this regard, it is our intention to organize national initiatives with native language webinars in different member states.
- 3) Publish these Recommendations in an appropriate article;

Next year we would like to organize:

- First, a qualitative survey targeting key experts and patient representatives to identify where to improve and strengthen Covid-19 recommendations with a post-pandemic/endemic approach;
- Then, a policy dialogue event at the European Parliament to present the call-to-action supported by the qualitative survey, get feedback and gather support from EU stakeholders and policy makers after the elections.

Acknowledgements

As usual, at the end of any initiative, the list of acknowledgements is quite long.

To the associations already mentioned by Kinga in her presentation, please, let me add and thank all the 17 PAGs that endorsed the Recommendations:

EU umbrella organization:

[European Liver Patients' Association \(ELPA\)](#)

ACN historical partners:

AUSTRIA:

[Lower Austrian Patient and Nursing Advocacy \(NÖ Patienten- und Pflegeanwaltschaft\)](#)

Cyprus:

[Cyprus Federation of Patients' Associations - CyFPA](#)

[Universal Patients' Rights Association \(Evrensel Hasta Haklari Derneği\)](#)

Bulgaria:

[Together with you](#)

[Child and Maternal Healthcare "Smile"](#)

[Cardiovascular Patient Association](#)

[Alliance of transplanted and operated ATO "Future for all"](#)

[The Innovations Institute](#)

Croatia:

[Croatian Ass. for Patients' rights \(CAPR\) - "Hrvatska udruga za promicanje prava pacijenata"](#)

[International Council of The Patient Ombudsman](#)

Greece:

[Greek Patients' Association](#)

The Netherlands:

[Epecs Foundation](#)

[euPrevent](#)

Ireland:

[Irish Patients Association](#)

Spain:

[Universidad del Paciente y la Familia](#)

Extra EU:

Kosovo:

[Patients' Rights Association in Kosova](#)

So, the total is 17 PAGs/associations from 8 Member States plus 1 Extra EU Country.

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All papers from today's event will be published in our next monthly newsletter.

I thank you for your participation and wish you a good evening.