

Links for more information on the European Cancer Centre Certification Programme

- > **Location Directory:** Are you looking for a certified cancer centre in your vicinity? The search engine OncoMap can help you.
www.oncomap.de
- > **Annual Reports:** These benchmark reports give an overview of the quality of the ECC certified centres.
www.ecc-cert.org
- > **Catalogue of Requirements:** Here you will find a summary of all medical and technical requirements that apply to certified cancer centres.
www.ecc-cert.org
- > **Process of Certification:** The independent certification institute OnkoZert conducts the certification process on behalf of the ECC. For more information please visit:
www.onkozert.de/en/

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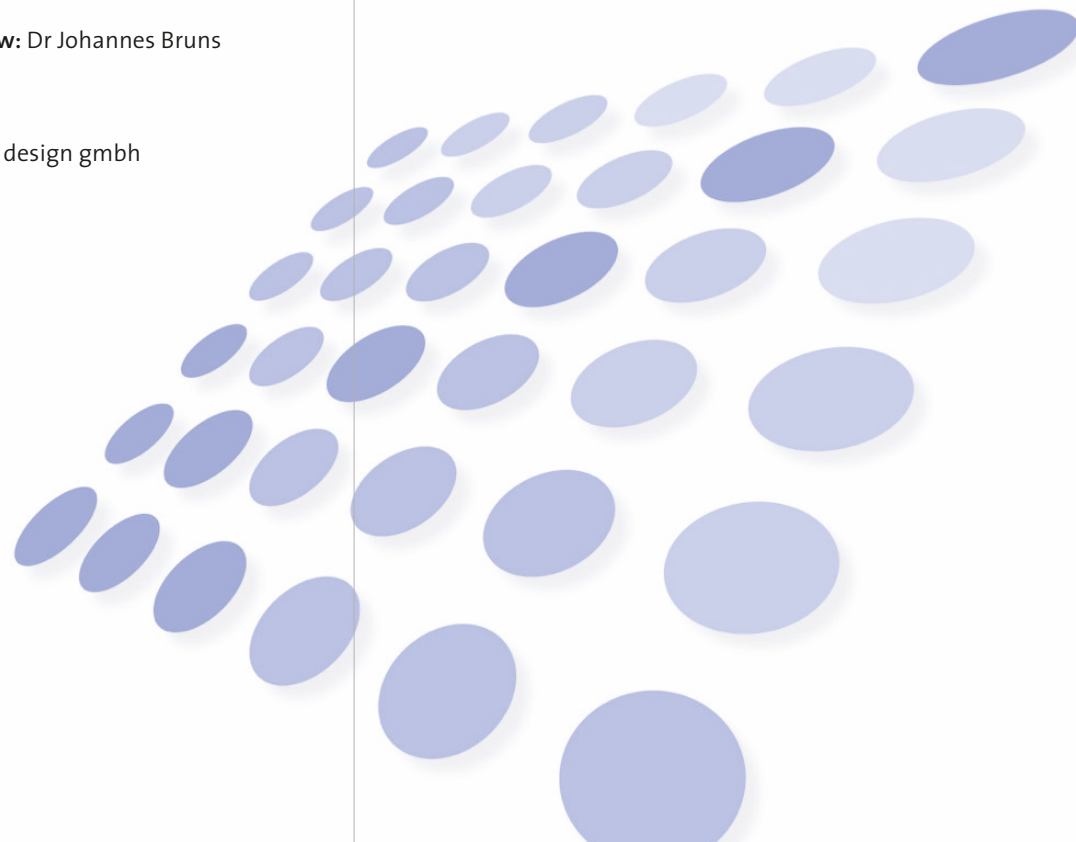
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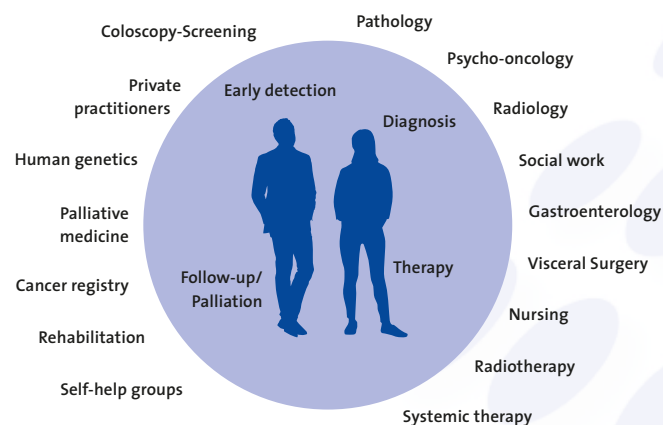
The European Cancer Centre
Certification System



Our Goal: High-quality care

The certification programme was developed to improve cancer care, starting in Germany and now expanding to member states in Europe. It offers a patient-centred approach with healthcare provision through multi-professional teams at all stages of the disease and with implementation of evidence-based guidelines in everyday care taking into ac-

Example of a Certified Colorectal Cancer Centre Network



count country-specific prerequisites.

The foundation of the programme are the certified centres. They are networks of inpatient and outpatient facilities in which all medical specialties involved in the treatment of cancer patients work closely together and guarantee continuity of care.

Certification in detail

Centres that are ECC certified are requested to demonstrate annually that they meet the technical and medical requirements for the treatment of a specific tumour entity. Quality requirements are summarised in catalogues of requirements and data sheets, which are annually updated by tumour-specific, interdisciplinary certification commissions.



These catalogues include requirements for the technical expertise of the personnel, define the structures and processes of collaboration between network partners and ensure treatment regimens according to the medical guidelines.

The reported data are verified in annual on-site audits conducted by oncological medical experts. The outcomes of the indicators are discussed between centres and auditors, and adequate measures are taken in order to improve quality of care. The results of the indicators and an overview of the agreed measures are published in annual reports.

'Certification has a positive impact on the quality of care'

Prof. Dr Thomas Seufferlein, University Clinic Ulm

Patients can trust in receiving the highest quality of care in certified cancer centres. The results of the quality indicators are an important tool for medical care providers to improve treatment outcomes.



Therefore, the ECC Certification Programme aims to improve access and availability to high-quality cancer care for all patients Europe-wide.