Cancer and COVID-19 – Key figures

• A pulse survey conducted by UICC in August 2020 with over 100 of its member organisations in 55 countries, revealed that almost three-quarters experienced reductions in income of anywhere from 25% to 100%, which could impact them for several years. An analysis of the survey is available in The Lancet Oncology.

• Less prevention, delayed treatment and suspended early detection programmes and diagnoses could lead to a higher number of deaths due to cancer in the years to come. The latest example comes from Europe, with up to a million missed diagnoses as a result of the pandemic.

• For stories on specific regional challenges and responses, as well as how cancer care is adapting to and looking beyond COVID-19, please visit the dedicated webpage.

• Impact around the world
  o Asia: The Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Care in the Post Pandemic World: Five Major Lessons Learnt from Challenges and Countermeasures of Major Asian Cancer Centres.
  o Canada: Measuring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on organized cancer screening and diagnostic follow-up care in Ontario, Canada
  o Europe: Covid-19 & Cancer Data Intelligence
  o Latin America: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Oncology Clinical Research in Latin America
  o India: Impact of COVID-19 on cancer care in India: a cohort study
  o United Kingdom: Economic impact of avoidable cancer deaths caused by diagnostic delay during the COVID-19 pandemic: A national population-based modelling study in England, UK
  o United States: New cancer diagnoses fell sharply as the coronavirus pandemic first hit; and Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Care: How the Pandemic Is Delaying Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment for American Seniors