

The Impact of COVID-19 on Future Cancer Care Pathways



Sample: 60 oncologists

Methodology: Online survey

Screening: All involved in the treatment and management of one or more of the following tumour types:

- Colorectal
- Breast
- Lung
- Prostate
- Pancreatic
- Stomach
- Liver

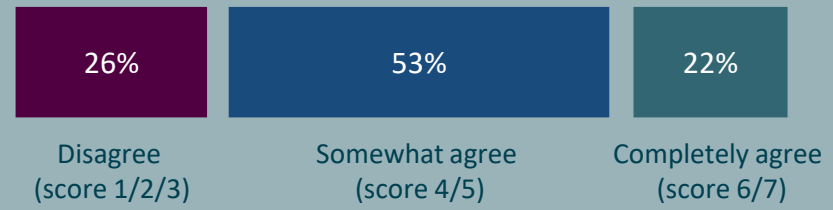
Scope: Europe

UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain

Question: Some cancer specialists predict that the COVID-19 pandemic will permanently change the cancer care pathways. To what extent do you agree with this statement: On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 = completely disagree and 7 = completely agree. What are the changes likely to be? Why are there unlikely to be changes?

Majority of oncologists believe the cancer care pathways will permanently change as a result of COVID-19

Level of agreement that cancer pathways will permanently change post COVID-19



~1/4 of oncologists predict the cancer pathway will return to 'normality'

"Still will use **most effective treatment**"

"Because **oncology is a personal thing**, no one wants **video diagnostics** or hearing bad news around progression in anything but a face to face situation"

"**Treatment options will only adapt** in moderate terms"

"Normal pathway but **infrastructure may change**"



Majority of oncologists predict permanent cancer service and treatment changes

I think it will change the treatment options to be **more oral** and **less immune compromised options** and **less frequent visits**

The cancer care pathways will change in terms of types and number of **follow-up visits** and **administration of drug therapies**

We will definitely need to incorporate more **remote working** in the future

More **tele communication clinics** and **rationalizing of patients** for treatment