

## Who is the ESR Patient Advisory Group?

The European Society of Radiology (ESR) represents more than 120,000 radiologists and acts as the umbrella organisation of all European national radiological societies and subspecialty societies.

In 2013, the European Society of Radiology took its communication with patient groups to another level, by launching the **ESR Patient Advisory Group (ESR-PAG)** at the European Congress of Radiology 2013.

The goal of the **ESR Patient Advisory Group** is to bring patients, the public and imaging professionals together to positively influence advances in the field of medical imaging to the benefit of patients in Europe.

The ESR-PAG is a group of committed patient ambassadors that gives a unique voice to patients in the area of medical imaging. Its members strongly believe that close collaboration is key to building a mutually beneficial relationship between patients and the radiology community in the interest of increased patient involvement.



## What do we do for patients and radiologists?



### 1 Involvement

We involve patient representatives in strategic topics and decisions, ensuring active engagement in ESR bodies, contribution to ESR publications and research activities to embed a patient-centred approach in the work of the ESR.

### 2 Communication

We improve communication between patients and healthcare professionals working in radiology departments and thus help to improve services through feedback and recommendations based on patients' experiences.

### 3 Knowledge

We raise awareness and improve the knowledge of patients about medical imaging procedures and the precise role of radiologists and other health professionals involved in imaging

### 4 Networking

We offer a platform for ESR-PAG group members to liaise with other patient groups and key stakeholders on policy issues of common interest.

### 5 Visibility

We promote and raise awareness about the role and struggles of patients in healthcare through social media, and representation at high-level events and policy debates.



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## Our Activities

The patient perspective is always heard and reflected on in the European Society of Radiology. The members of the ESR-PAG participate in the **European Congress of Radiology**, to other major **ESR meetings**, including the annual ESR Leadership Meeting, and are observers in **ESR Committees**.

They contribute to many publications and research papers, among which the widely accessed ESR paper on the impact of artificial intelligence on radiology, that can all be found on the European Society of Radiology's official website.

### European Congress of Radiology (ECR)

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# ECR

The ESR's annual Congress takes place in Vienna (Austria) and attracts more than 25,000 participants each year.

Not only is the ECR the birthplace of the ESR-PAG, it also welcomes each year our group's face-to-face meetings, patient sessions to highlight the value of patient-centred approach in medical imaging, and it is a well-established communication platform for patients to exchange directly with imaging professionals.

### International Day of Radiology (IDoR)



The IDoR is an initiative by the European Society of Radiology (ESR), the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) and the American College of Radiology (ACR). It takes place annually on 8th November.

Each year, the IDoR is dedicated to a different field of medical imaging and members of the ESR-PAG contribute by providing interviews and background information on patients' points of view to raise awareness about patients' issues.

### The EuroSafe Imaging initiative

The ESR flagship radiation protection initiative EuroSafe Imaging promotes quality and safety in medical imaging. It gives greater visibility to radiation protection efforts and enables direct impact on clinical practice and patient well-being by creating a network of committed imaging departments and integrating the ESR-PAG members' input on patient safety and quality of care.



Our members have provided valuable input to EuroSafe Imaging education and information material such as the "What patients should know" series and "EuroSafe Imaging Tips & Tricks".

### Driver diagram

The ESR-PAG together with the ESR Audit & Standards Subcommittee developed a 'driver diagram on patient-centred care in clinical radiology' in 2015 to embed a patient-centred approach in the work of the ESR.

The driver diagram intends to provide examples of best practices and to improve quality of care. It gives guidance on how to embed patient-centred care within radiology departments by considering the perspective of patients and of the radiological team.

### Give patients visibility and improve health literacy

Through the European Society of Radiology communication channels and website, members of the ESR-PAG put forward their stories, needs and recommendations and engage with the medical profession, other patient organisations and relevant stakeholders. Blogposts are regularly published to give a voice to patients, and our members have developed a system to draft lay summaries and systematically review ESR publications to make scientific publications understandable and accessible to all.

## Our members

*Being the first of its kind, the group is chaired by a patient representative and includes members from several disease-specific patient groups, as well as radiologists and radiographers.*

*The European Patients Forum is one of the founding members of the ESR-PAG*



## Your contribution

Do you believe in making healthcare and the work of ESR more patient-centred? Do you have any suggestions on ways forward? We would love to hear from you and see ways in which we can collaborate.



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