Introducing the GLCC's Call to Action

The GLCC (Global Lung Cancer Coalition), an alliance of 42 patient organisations from 30 countries around the world, has collaborated to share their patient experience survey findings from Greece. The call to action hinges on the implementation of the rights outlined in the Patient Charter, which includes ensuring that all lung cancer patients have access to quality healthcare.

The survey was aimed at understanding the impact of COVID-19 on lung cancer patients' experiences. It received 555 responses from patients across 21 countries. The insights gathered from the survey highlight the emotional and physical challenges faced by lung cancer patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Key findings from Greece

- **89%** of lung cancer patients or their carers responded.
- **58%** of respondents identified as female, **41%** identified as male.
- **79%** of patients were diagnosed in the last five years.
- **66%** have non-small cell lung cancer.

- **15%** of responding patients said they were aware of a lung cancer screening programme in Greece.
- **83%** said they would attend a screening appointment if they were invited.
- **50%** of patients are worried about relapse, while a third (37%) feel worried or depressed about their health and future.
- **42%** of patients said family and friends were the most helpful in dealing with their diagnosis.
- **41%** of patients said their treatment has continued as normal and 37% had carried on attending appointments.

Call to action

The members of the GLCC are calling for the implementation of the rights outlined in its Patient Charter, namely ensuring that all lung cancer patients have access to quality healthcare; informed self-determination, which includes involvement in decision-making; and physical and mental integrity.

More information

The GLCC's member in Greece is FairLife Lung Cancer Care: [www.fairlifellcc.com](http://www.fairlifellcc.com).

For more information about this survey and the work of the GLCC, please visit their website: [https://www.lungcancercoalition.org/](https://www.lungcancercoalition.org/)

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