

For Immediate Release

Brussels, 07 August 2024

Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) and EuropaColon Portugal Announce the ENTERO Conference Porto, Portugal – November 14-15, 2024

Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) and EuropaColon Portugal are proud to announce the ENTERO Conference, scheduled to take place on November 14-15, 2024, in Porto, Portugal. The conference will feature exclusive in-person attendance by invitation and full virtual participation options.

Co-funded by the European Union, ENTERO stands for Enabling New Treatments, Education, Research, and Outreach for early-age onset digestive cancers. "Young patients with early-age onset digestive cancers face unique challenges that demand urgent attention, from improved diagnosis, and HCP awareness, to specialized support post-treatment and considerations in fertility and mental health. Our aim with ENTERO, a first-of-its-kind conference on early-onset digestive cancers, is to increase awareness across all stakeholders, to ensure they receive the comprehensive care and improved outcomes they deserve" says Zorana Maravic, CEO of DiCE.

"These cancers pose a significant public health challenge as they affect individuals during their prime years and they demand innovative approaches for diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, and survivorship" notes Dr. Eric Van Cutsem, renowned Professor of Digestive Oncology and DiCE's Co-Founder and Medical Advisor.

The ENTERO conference is a collaborative effort that will bring together the young patient community, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and pharmaceutical partners, with the primary goal of fostering collaboration, facilitating knowledge sharing, and developing innovative solutions to enhance the entire patient journey from diagnosis to survivorship for young patients with digestive cancers. "By building a network of experts, ENTERO aims to improve care quality, promote healthcare excellence, and encourage cooperation across Europe and beyond, ultimately seeking a global impact on fighting and raising awareness of these cancers. Promoting awareness is the first step to saving lives and improving the quality of life of those affected" states Vitor Neves, President of EuropaColon Portugal.

For more information about the ENTERO Conference and to register for virtual attendance, please visit **www.entero.digestivecancers.eu**.

About DICE: DICE is a European non-profit umbrella organisation uniting patient organisations and collaborating with stakeholders dedicated to digestive cancers. Through advocacy, research, and awareness-raising, we support patients and carers to improve survival and quality of life. As the voice of the digestive cancer community, we champion early diagnosis and equal access to the highest standards of treatment and care for everyone across Europe.

About EuropaColon Portugal: Europacolon Portugal is a Portuguese non-profit organization committed to battling colorectal cancer and other digestive cancers. Established in 2006 in Porto, Portugal, as the first patient advocacy group affiliate of EuropaColon, Europacolon Portugal and









ENTERO 2024 Enabling New Treatments, Education, Research and Outreach EARLY-AGE ONSET DIGESTIVE CANCER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

DiCE have a strong and longstanding relationship of collaboration and support. Europacolon Portugal's primary goal is to reduce the number of deaths from intestinal cancer based on four pillars: prevention, early detection, equal access to treatment, and quality of life for cancer patients. Europacolon Portugal's role spans a wide spectrum of crucial activities aimed at elevating awareness, providing unwavering support, and advancing vital research efforts within Portugal.

Contacts

Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) Email: info@digestivecancers.eu Website: <u>www.digestivecancers.eu</u> EuropaColon Portugal Email: geral@europacolon.pt Website: <u>www.europacolon.pt</u>

Join us in Porto or virtually as we work together to transform the future of early-onset digestive cancers!





