



BRACHYTHERAPY

GEC-ESTRO Brachy-HERO

The Brachy-HERO working group has now been going for 4 years.

The original questionnaire to survey current brachytherapy practice closely followed the HERO questionnaire. This was distributed to the members of the GEC-ESTRO committee, but data collection proved too onerous due to the large variation in brachytherapy practice and processes.

A second simplified questionnaire was sent to UK departments and was more successful (44% response rate at the first attempt) but there were still difficulties with data collection across all brachytherapy tumour sites as most respondents only had experience of a limited number of tumour sites.

A third questionnaire focusing on cervical cancer brachytherapy was sent to centres across Europe. Responses were received from 111 centres in 17 countries.

Data collection remains problematic and we are now reconsidering the aims and strategy of the project.



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