

Webinar on ‘How to deliver a diagnosis’



EURORDIS 6th Mental Health & Wellbeing Webinar

23rd of October 2024 – From 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm CET (Paris time)

The diagnosis of a rare disease is a critical milestone for families and individuals affected by rare conditions. It marks the end of a journey of uncertainty and anxiety, but it can quickly be replaced by significant feelings of fear, stress, and guilt.

The way a diagnosis is communicated can have profound effects. When delivered with empathy and clarity, a diagnosis can empower families and individuals to face the challenges that living with a rare condition brings. However, when handled poorly, it can exacerbate emotional distress, impact on our relationships and disrupt our lives. All too frequently too many in the rare disease community experience inadequate communication during diagnosis. The impact of poor communication of a diagnosis can cast a dark shadow across the future healthcare pathway and erode trust in all medical professionals.

This webinar aims to explore real cases and best practices for delivering a rare disease diagnosis effectively, presented by experts from European Reference Networks (ERNs) such as ERN CRANIO, ERN-EYE, and VASCERN. Following these presentations, a panel of specialists from various fields will engage in a discussion to highlight identify best practice on how to deliver a diagnosis and ensure individuals and their caregivers, families can access the psychosocial support they need.

WEBINAR AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome and opening remarks	Concha Mayo, EURORDIS
14.05 – 14.20	Keynote Speech 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good practice in delivering a diagnosis	Gareth Davies & Marizela Kljajic - ERN CRANIO
14.20 – 14.30	Keynote Speech 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good practice in delivering a diagnosis	(Speaker’s name TBC) - ERN EYE
14.30 – 14.40	Keynote Speech 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good practice in delivering a diagnosis	(Speaker’s name TBC) - VASCERN
14.40 – 15.00	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying the protection factors and tools that can reduce the mental health impact of living through the diagnostic odyssey.	Chair: Matt Bolz-Johnson Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Andre Rietman, Psychiatrist at ERNICA & ERN GENTURIS- Sara Talarico, Clinician and Resercher at ERN ReCONNET- Dorica Dan, Nora Resource Centre Lead- Gulcin Gumus, EURORDIS
15.00 – 15.20	Questions & Answers	All
15.20 – 15.30	Final & Closing Remarks	All Panellists & Matt Bolz-Johnson, EURORDIS

The outcome of the webinar will be a factsheet to help increase awareness about the common mental health needs and how to address them, for the rare disease community.