

Welcome to the SAGITTARIUS newsletter, the six-monthly appointment to be updated on the SAGITTARIUS project.

A foreword by the Study Chair

A promising impact

The SAGITTARIUS trial may demonstrate that some colon cancer patients can **safely avoid chemotherapy** and its adverse effects after surgery, either by using **personalized therapies** based on the molecular characteristics of the tumour or, always with medical supervision, by receiving **no treatment at all**. **I am grateful** to the patients who have already joined us, and to the clinical teams working tirelessly to bring this vision to life.



— Clara Montagut Viladot (Hospital del Mar - Parc de Salut Mar, Department of Medical Oncology, Barcelona)

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SAGITTARIUS latest news & events

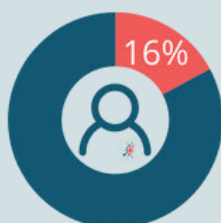


The SAGITTARIUS trial is actively running!



25 out of 26 SAGITTARIUS centres are already activated!

[Take a look at the list of SAGITTARIUS centres](#)



More than 100 patients already enrolled in the trial! To obtain robust data, SAGITTARIUS experts need to include several hundreds patients. Find out how the clinical trial works and who could be eligible:

[How does the SAGITTARIUS trial work?](#)

Events we attended

21st January 2025

Training event - **Liquid Biopsy to Guide Post-Surgical Precautionary Therapy of Colon and Rectal Cancer** | Milan

23th-25th January 2025

X Liquid Biopsy Symposium | Santiago de Compostela

28th-29th January 2025

EORC webinar - **Nucleic Acids (cfDNA/ctDNA): In use, in view and on the horizon** | Online event

4th February 2025

Conference - **Uno sguardo alla ricerca, uno sguardo al futuro** ("Looking ahead, looking at the future") | Biella

21st-22nd May 2025

[mCRC Symposium - Results and implications of the AIRC 5 per mille metastatic colorectal cancer Program](#) | Milan

30th May-3rd June 2025

[The SAGITTARIUS project showcased through a poster at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting 2025](#)

Under the spotlight

Several media outlets have highlighted the SAGITTARIUS project and its potential to improve patients' quality of life while reducing the socioeconomic burden of colon cancer across Europe.

- Fondamentale, Jan 2024
- Il Venerdì di La Repubblica, Feb 2024
- Libero Quotidiano, Mar 2024
- BioTech Spain, May 2024
- La Repubblica, Nov 2024
- ANSA, Nov 2024
- Il Giornale, Nov 2024
- Financial Times, Dec 2024
- Virgilio.it, Jan 2025
- Il Sole 24 Ore, Feb 2025
- Radio News 24, Feb 2025
- Obiettivo salute - Radio24, Il Sole 24 Ore, Mar 2025



Upcoming SAGITTARIUS events

1st July 2025

1st Consortium Meeting | Barcelona

1st July 2025

SAGITTARIUS Workshop on Liquid Biopsy | Barcelona

16th October 2025

2nd Annual Cluster Meeting | Berlin

Explore our updated website to discover **new sections, fresh content**, and **valuable resources** about the SAGITTARIUS project!

[Stay updated about the SAGITTARIUS project](#)

Having a common mission Networking and collaborating for beating cancer

SAGITTARIUS fruitful collaboration in the framework of the European Cancer Mission Cluster on Diagnosis and Treatment continues, addressing together several issues related to the conduct of pragmatic clinical trials. We are **12 Horizon Europe projects with similar objectives**; collectively, we aim to identify synergies to maximize the impact of our projects.

[Find out more about the European Cancer Cluster](#)

Meet the people behind SAGITTARIUS



Clara Montagut is Head of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Unit, in the Medical Oncology Department at Hospital Del Mar, in Barcelona.

[Watch Clara Montagut's presentation](#)



Marco Pierotti is the CEO and Scientific Director of Cogentech, a Benefit corporation controlled by IFOM ETS that provides scientific and diagnostic services to researchers and clinicians.

[Watch Marco Pierotti's presentation](#)



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