

ERN on endocrine conditions (Endo-ERN)

Rare endocrine conditions include too much, too little or inappropriate hormonal activity, hormone resistance, tumour growth in endocrine organs, and diseases with consequences for the endocrine system. The epidemiological distribution is highly variable, spanning ultra-rare, rare and low-prevalence conditions. Patients with a low-prevalence disorder may require highly specialised care from a multidisciplinary team led by an endocrinologist.

The network has established eight main thematic groups covering the full spectrum of congenital and acquired conditions. These are: adrenal disorders; disorders of calcium and phosphate homeostasis; disorders of sex development and maturation; genetic disorders of glucose and insulin homeostasis; genetic endocrine tumour syndromes; disorders of growth and genetic obesity syndromes; hypothalamic and pituitary conditions; and thyroid disorders.

Endo-ERN continues to build on the work of several pre-existing European networks, including those established through the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) and the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE), and those developed through European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) actions.

Aiming to deliver improved diagnostic trajectories, treatment, quality of care and measurable outcome for patients with rare endocrine conditions, Endo-ERN facilitates multidisciplinary and cross-border collaboration in complex care, research and education, whilst ensuring patients' voices are heard.

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