

Outcome of the IHI JU Science and Innovation Panel on ideas submitted for potential IHI topics

Reference number of the idea: N° TI_001172

Multi cancer early detection- finding cancer in asymptomatic citizens

Overall opinion

The idea is addressing a very important area, which raises complex questions, representing significant challenges, such as:

- With the aim to detect or predict malignant disease in asymptomatic citizens, how will health systems deal with a much higher demand for clarification of positively screened cases?
- Moreover, how can appropriate follow up be assured, including the care and needed research?
- What will be considered appropriate treatment for cases diagnosed early, which also turns healthy citizens into sick patients early, and exposes them to aggressive and possibly harmful further diagnostic and therapeutic interventions?

Considering these challenges/complex questions, further thinking would be needed on how to best translate the idea into a topic and to ensure its feasibility.