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CHANCES aims and objectives

The CHANCES project aims at combining and integrating 15 on-going cohorts from Europe and United States in order to produce evidence on ageing-related health characteristics and determinants. The project focuses on four groups of chronic diseases: (i) cancer, (ii) cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, (iii) osteoporosis and fractures and (iv) cognitive function and dementia disorders. The contribution of these conditions is integrated in terms of mortality and disability, and their social and economic impact is also assessed.

What has been achieved so far?

During the first three years of the project (2010-2012), CHANCES consortium has successfully fulfilled the challenging task of documenting, evaluating and harmonizing existing data across the participating cohorts. Harmonization of important health determinants and study outcomes relevant to elderly population has been completed using structured procedures, whereas, creation of more harmonized variables is viewed as on-going, dynamic procedure as new research hypothesis evolve.

A total of 43 research proposals, in line with the project's objectives, have been developed, bringing together experts from different institutions, research areas and scientific disciplines. Scientific hypotheses is investigated through meta-analysis of cohort-specific data, with special support from a multi-institutional network of statisticians.

A wide range of dissemination activities, as well as, a number of publications related to CHANCES objectives were realized (www.chancesfp7.eu)



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