

# ERN on inherited and congenital (digestive and gastrointestinal) anomalies (ERNICA)

*ERNICA covers two diagnostic groups: malformations of the digestive system and malformations of the diaphragm and abdominal wall. The malformations of the digestive system work stream comprises four working groups on oesophageal diseases, intestinal diseases, intestinal failure and gastroenterological diseases. The malformations of the diaphragm and abdominal wall work stream is made up of two working groups: malformations of the diaphragm, and abdominal wall defects.*

Working groups are co-led by ERNICA healthcare professionals and patient representatives. Nine areas of work are applicable to all diagnostic groups - management, dissemination, evaluation, standards of care, training, research, eHealth, foetal medicine; and networking.

ERNICA aims to pool disease-specific expertise, knowledge and resources from across the EU/EAA, in order to achieve health goals that may otherwise be unachievable in a single country. These health goals include development of clinical skills; increased patient access to high-quality expert care; and increased diagnosis-specific information available to healthcare professionals, patients and their families and carers.

In doing so, ERNICA also seeks to reduce health inequalities across Europe by standardising practices and making high-quality care, information and resources accessible to healthcare providers, patients and their families and carers across Europe.

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