



IWWD NEWSLETTER

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International Wait and Watch Database

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The IWWD Newsletter is to inform all participants and those interested in the IWWD-registry. We will share publications, presentations and news. If you like to be added to the mailing list or if you want to be removed please mail to iwwd@lumc.nl

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Introduction

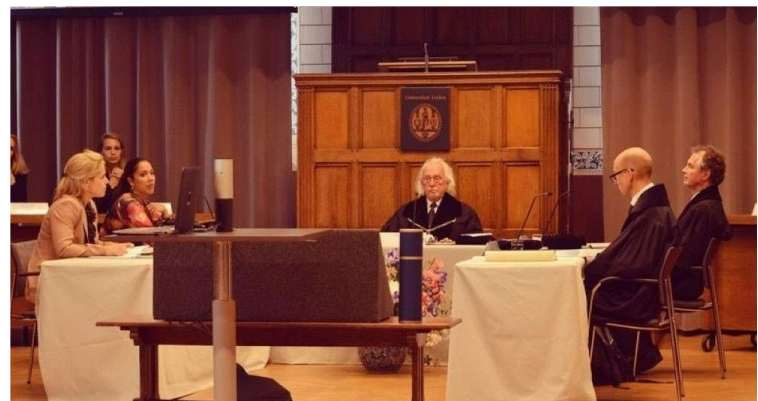
The IWWD-database was founded in 2015 by investigators from LUMC, Champalimaud, NKI, and A&J Habr-Gama with support of EURECCA and [ESSO](#). Over 2000 patients have been registered up to now. The IWWD aims to collect retrospective and prospective data in order to provide accurate understanding of the risks and benefits of organ preserving strategies in rectal cancer. The prospective information may become the platform for developing best practice guidelines in organ preservation and surveillance. More information on the IWWD can be found on the [IWWD-page](#) on the CAST website.

CAST

CAST= Active Monitoring of **C**ancer **A**S an **A**lternative To Surgery.
The goal of CAST is to implement a paradigm change for a novel approach in deciding when or whether cancer surgery is needed. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Innovative Training Networks. In total 15 PhD candidates have been appointed and will be trained, in clinical and non-clinical research/tasks.

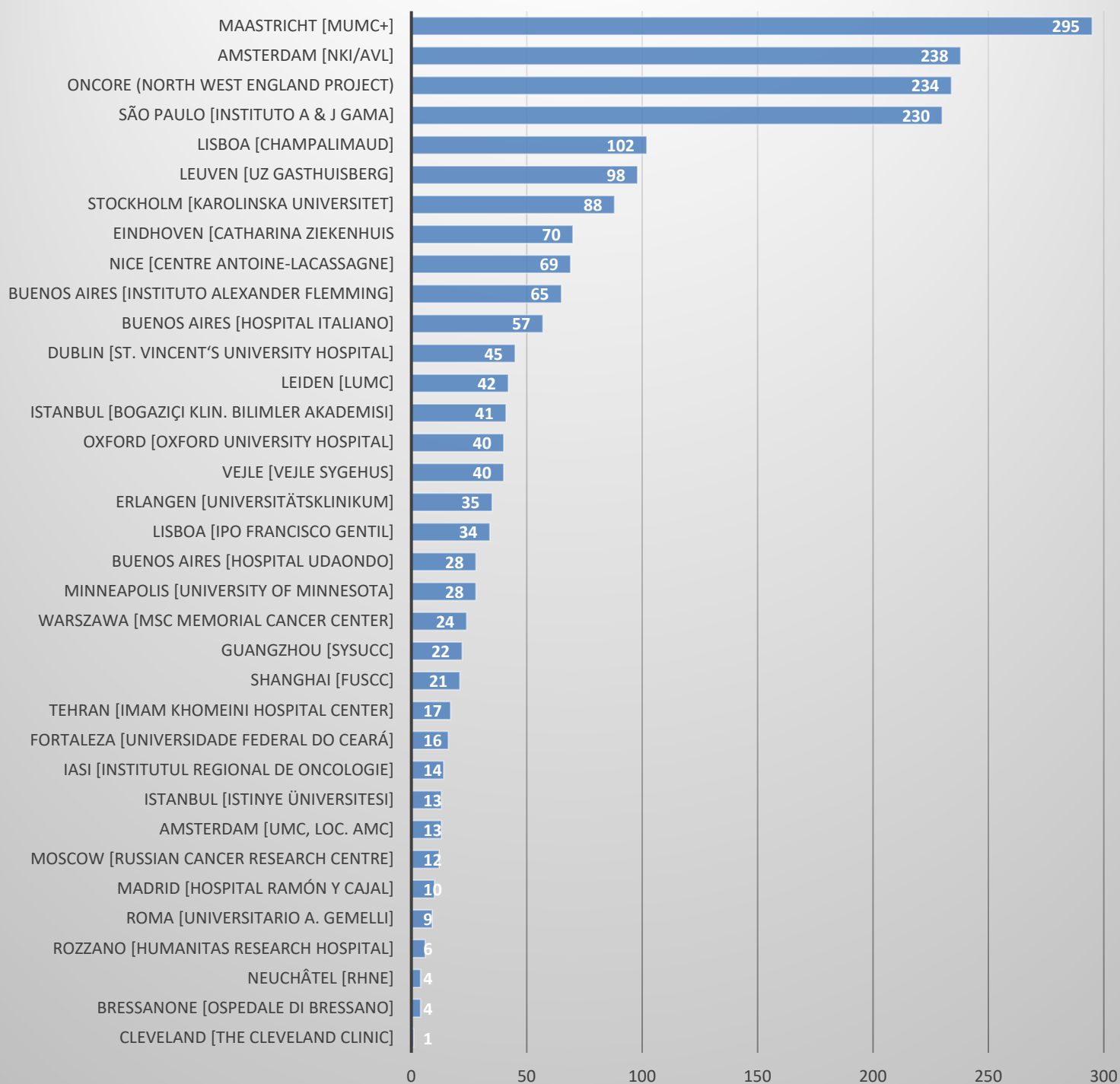
IWWD news

New publication by the IWWD-consortium in British Journal of Surgery, Jan 2022; Vol 109, Issue 1: 114 – 120 <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjs/znab372>
"Watch and wait after a clinical complete response in rectal cancer patients younger than 50 years". **Bahadoer RR**, Peeters KCMJ, Beets GL, et al.



The doctoral thesis of **MJM van der Valk** "Locally advanced rectal cancer: New insights for a tailored approach" which she defended 3 September 2020, was rewarded "best thesis of 2020-2021 by the Dutch ColoProctology Work group (WCP). <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/136093>. Maxime will present her research at [ESCP](#) in Dublin September 2022.

2065 patients registered in IWWD on 5 January 2022



IWWD news

Participation in the IWWD-consortium means that centres are expected to **include a minimum of 5 new patients annually**. In addition, the follow-up of must be updated at least twice a year (before data locks on 1 April and 1 October). Centres that at the time of the data lock of a particular manuscript have contributed to at least 50 eligible patients over the last 5 years may appoint a co-author. In addition, feedback from this co-author is expected on the manuscript before submission to a journal.

The next data lock for publications will be **1 April 2022**. In order to have your entries checked by the Clinical Research Center, please update them before **1st of March**.