

Dear participant,

Histology is an essential part of the diagnosis of MC and the PRO-MC registry is profoundly dependent on trustworthy pathology diagnoses. It is of relevance for data quality and uniformity in and across centers, that the local pathologists are familiar with the diagnostic criteria of the MC subtypes. Therefore, we request participants in the PRO-MC registry to inform and involve their pathologists in the project.

Together with the European Society of Pathology (ESP), the PRO-MC Steering Group has established a special slide kit for pathologists on the MC diagnosis. Furthermore, there is a recent, well-written, paper on the MC diagnosis, published by Langner *et al*; *Histopathology* 2015. We request participating centers to provide their pathologists with both the digital slide kit and the paper and to use them as educational material.

We would very much appreciate your effort to inform the local pathologists, and sincerely hope them to feel to be involved in and committed to the project. This will increase the validity and uniformity of the MC diagnosis across the participating centers within the PRO-MC Collaboration.

Short note: the pathologists do not need to record data in the registry. Data on the MC histology will be recorded in the registry by the gastroenterologists, based on the information in the local pathology report.

In case you or the local pathologists have any questions regarding this part of the project or regarding the instruction material, please feel free to contact the PRO-MC Steering Group.

In name of the PRO-MC Steering Group,

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