

Future of Cancer Screening Network Meeting 2026

Screening programmes have contributed substantially to decrease in cervical, breast and colorectal cancer incidence and mortality. New frontiers in early cancer detection are upcoming. In 2024 we held a successful meeting addressing potential and challenges in the advancements, and the purpose of a new national meeting in November 2026 is to outline and discuss key elements of the most recent developments in this field, that is moving very fast.

Screening addresses people without symptoms and to save one life, a considerable number of screening tests must be conducted. As we are facing an even more strained health care system, it is obvious that the relevance of optimizing screening policies, guidelines and technologies has increased and likewise, it will be necessary to evaluate the future role of cancer screening in this larger context.

At previous meeting in 2024 we had international inspiration to discuss Personalized Screening, Multi-cancer Screening, AI in Cancer Screening, and Cancer Screening in a challenged Healthcare System. The messages from the meeting are summarized in a published paper. It is the intention to follow the same procedure in the upcoming 2026-meeting. The main topics are:

- Screening in strained health systems
- Personalized screening
- Multi-cancer early detection
- Criteria for effect of screening. The outcome discussion
- Use of routine health data for identification of target groups
- Public health and health investments

The meeting is organized as a mixture of keynote presentations, discussions and workshops.

Language: English (due to our international speakers)

Venue: Comwell H. C. Andersen Odense, Claus Bergs Gade 7, 5000 Odense.

Dates: November 16-17, 2026

Registration: Use this link:

<https://redcap.rm.dk/surveys/?s=YTL377WXDD7AWEX7>

Participation is limited to 65 participants and with free charge.

(A no-show fee of 1.600 DKK is charged for participants who do not show up).

Deadline for registration: September 15, 2026.

The meeting is established based on support from the Danish Comprehensive Cancer Center (DCCC) and the Novo Nordisk Foundation.

Organisers: Professor Elsebeth Lynge, Professor Lone Kjeld Petersen, Professor Stig Egil Bojesen and Professor Berit Andersen.

Programme (<i>preliminary</i>)		
Date/time	Activity	Speaker
November 16, 2026		
12:00 – 12:45	Registration and Lunch	
12:45 – 13:00	Welcome and introduction to workshops	Berit Andersen
Chair: Lone Kjeld Petersen		
13:00 – 13:30	Keynote: Potential and challenges with screening programmes in strained health systems	Søren Brostrøm
13:40 – 13:40	Discussion	
Chair: Stig Bojesen		
13:40 – 14:20	Keynote: Personalized screening – experiences from WISDOM	Laura Esserman
14:20 – 14:40	Discussion	Mads Nielsen
14:40 – 15:00	Break	
Chair: Elsebeth Lynge		
15:00 – 15:40	Keynote: Multi-cancer early detection – experiences from NHS-Galleri	Peter Sasieni
15:40 – 16:00	Discussion	Martin Eklund
16:00 – 16:15	Plenum photo	
16:15 – 18:00	Workshops	
18:30 -	Dinner	

Programme (preliminary)		
Date/time	Activity	Speaker
November 17, 2026		
<i>Chair: Stig Bojesen and Berit Andersen</i>		
09:00 – 09:30	Keynote: Criteria for effect of screening. The outcome discussion	Harry de Koning
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion	
09:45 – 10:15	Keynote: Use of routine health data for identification of target population for cancer screening	Søren Brunak
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 – 10:40	Break	
<i>Chair: Elsebeth Lynge</i>		
10:40 – 11:10	Keynote: Moving health forward – public health and investments	Torben M. Andersen
11:10 – 11:20	Discussion	
<i>Chair: Stig Bojesen and Berit Andersen</i>		
11:20 – 12:00	Reports from workshops	
12:00 – 12:10	Planned follow-up	
12:10 – 12:45	Lunch	