



European Respiratory Society

**International Collaborative Effusion (ICE)**

**Database**

## An invitation to join the ICE Database Project

Dear colleagues

Greetings from the chairs of the **ICE Database** project.

ICE is a collaboration of clinicians with an interest in pleural disease research, which was established in 2017 under the badging of an [ERS Clinical Research Collaboration](#).

The aims of the ICE database are to establish consistent, effective working amongst pleural practitioners on a scale never-before attempted, leading to wider participation in important pleural research and progress to more ambitious, multinational projects<sup>1</sup>.

Thus far, ICE has collected large diverse datasets on non-specific pleuritis, chylothorax, non-malignant effusions, and eosinophilic effusions, all of which are published or enroute to publication.

We have 50 members in an impressive 18 countries, and we want to expand our membership even further. Our aim is to gather input on critical pleural topics from every region of the world. These topics include pleural biomarkers, pleural interventions and procedures, and many more. Topics are decided by vote of the collaborating members.

If you or your group have an interest in contributing to pleural disease research, and would like to become a collaborating member, please contact Jenny Symonds or any of the ICE Chairs. If you need further information, we are available for online meetings, as well as our annual face-to-face at the ERS Congress.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with new collaborators in 2023.

Kind regards

The ICE Database project Chairs

<sup>1</sup>Bhatnagar R, Janssen J, Maskell N. The International Collaborative Effusion (ICE) database: an ERS Clinical Research Collaboration. Eur Respir J 2019; 53: 1900591 [<https://doi.org/10.1183/13993003.00591-2019>].

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