

# Montse Garcia

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## *WG Member*

Montse Garcia, PhD, is a Senior Researcher at the Catalan Institute of Oncology (Spain) with more than two decades of work in cancer prevention and control. She leads a research group in early detection of cancer, with work centred on the evaluation and optimisation of organised screening programmes. Research activities focus on the health impact assessment of cancer screening programmes, including studies on adverse effects and mortality reduction; designing and implementing interventions to improve screening effectiveness; and decision-making in cancer screening. She has co-authored more than 100 publications, including papers in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and editorials.

Additional responsibilities include supervising doctoral theses and mentoring early-stage researchers through final degree projects and research protocols.

Since 2021, she is responsible for Quality Assurance Management within two regional Screening Hubs for colorectal and breast cancer, which serve the metropolitan area of Barcelona. This role covers oversight of screening protocols and ensures alignment with established quality standards. In 2023, she contributed to the achievement of ISO 9001:2015 certification for the screening programmes, leading to optimised internal processes, enhanced service delivery, and improved operational efficiency.