

## **How to use the European Expert Advice on Cystic Fibrosis “ECORN-CF”**

Patients, doctors, as well as other care team members should have easy access to expert knowledge and advice for cystic fibrosis. ECORN-CF stands for "European Centres of Reference Network for Cystic Fibrosis". The expert advice is a collaboration of partner-countries for patients and care team members. More than 100 CF-experts from European countries are working together to answer your questions (see “Team”).

After translation of questions and answers in English they are published on a central website with open access for everybody who is interested in the topic. In this way a transfer of knowledge and expertise throughout Europe is achieved. This aims to guarantee the same level of expert advice in all partner countries and to avoid long travelling to the next CF-centre.

You may ask a question in one of the active expert advice languages (German and French) if you speak one of these languages. Before asking a new question: Please have a look at the topic list and use the search utility in order to find out if your question has already been answered. You can ask questions in this forum

- anonymously (please make sure you are not logged in to ask anonymously)
- with login to get informed by E-Mail, as soon as your question is answered. Your data, like name and email address, are only accessible to the experts. They are not visible for the public and are not made available to anybody else.

Because the project has ended, the expert advice is not run actively in English anymore. Therefore, it is not possible to ask a new question in English. However, you can still search the English archive with thousands of questions and answers.

Disclaimer: The expert advice cannot make a diagnosis or provide individual recommendations for a therapy. The information given in the expert advice does not replace a medical consultation or treatment. The content of the expert advice cannot be used for making a diagnosis on your own or for a decision regarding the choice and application of treatment methods. Please read also the detailed terms of use with disclaimer.

## How to search for an answer in the English archive:

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The screenshot shows the ECORN-CF website's search interface. At the top left is the logo for 'ecorn-cf.eu Expert Advice on Cystic Fibrosis'. To its right is a decorative graphic of colored ovals and the word 'Archive'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: 'Expert Advice', 'Central Archive' (highlighted), 'Team', 'About ECORN-CF', and 'Cystic Fibrosis'. A callout box with the number '1.' points to the 'Central Archive' link. The main content area is titled 'Full text search in forum data base'. It features a search input field with a callout box '3.' pointing to it, and a 'Search' button below. To the right of the search area is a sidebar with a 'Topics' section containing a 'Search' button (callout '2.') and a 'Register' link. Below this is a 'User login' section with instructions to enter a username and password, followed by input fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Login' button, and a link for 'Forgot your password?'.

1. In an Internet Browser input the URL <https://ecorn-cf.eu> in the address field, then click on “Central Archive”
2. Click on “Search” on the righthand side
3. Input a search term with your keywords, e.g. MRSA. If you type more than one word, results are found that contain all the words (logic AND operation). Click on the white “Search” button below the input line.

In the result list you see only the questions. By clicking on the headline of a specific question, the answer is shown. You may also browse through the topics list to find interesting answers, or the list of “tags” displayed in the right column. The archive contains thousands of questions and answers, so there is a high probability that you find relevant answers to your question.

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