



The Role of Real-World Evidence for Regulatory and Public Health Decision Making for Accelerated Vaccine Deployment

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Hélène is Board member of the CCR (Centre Communautaire de Référence pour le dépistage des cancers) which is an accredited non-profit organisation responsible for managing breast and colorectal cancer screening programmes in Wallonia. She also represents Sciensano in Belgian association, such as BRUPREV, which is an association in charge of organising cancer screening and prevention in the Brussels Region. Hélène is also investigating, through various projects, the use of self-sampling in an organised cervical cancer screening programme.