SESSION

Political engagement: ensuring the needs of rare cancer patients are reflected in the policy agenda

Case study: Rare cancers and the Romanian National Plan for Cancer

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AGENDA

- The launch of the Romanian National Cancer Plan – RNCP:
  - Goal and objectives of the RNCP
  - Special chapters for 7 types of cancers in the RNPC
  - Conclusions
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<th>Good news</th>
<th>Not so good news</th>
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<td>• A National Plan for Cancer has been published on 19.01.2022: <a href="http://www.ms.ro/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Plan-National-de-Combatere-a-Cancerului.pdf">http://www.ms.ro/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Plan-National-de-Combatere-a-Cancerului.pdf</a></td>
<td>✓ Rare cancers are not included or mentioned !!!</td>
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<td>• Pediatric cancers are included !!!</td>
<td>✓ They are not “defined” as being rare cancers in the Cancer Plan</td>
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<td>• Actions for organizing &amp; accreditation of centers of expertise &amp; participation in the ERNs are mentioned</td>
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**Goal:** An integrated approach to cancer to achieve a well-established and standardized patient pathway between the various levels of care.

**Specific objectives:**

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<th>1. Improving access to innovative therapies</th>
<th>2. New services for onco-psychology services and nutrition for patients with cancer</th>
<th>3. National strategy for prevention in cancer</th>
<th>4. Establishing a national network for cancer and connection with the ERN</th>
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<td>5. Identification and measure the risk factors</td>
<td>6. Establishing a national registry for cancer inter-connected with the regional registries</td>
<td>7. Improving the palliative care access</td>
<td>8. Continuous updating and development of clinical practice</td>
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*Diagram showing cancer types and their respective proportions:*
- Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 3%
- Melanoma: 3%
- Prostate Cancer: 4%
- Breast Cancer: 7%
- Bowel Cancer: 9%
- Lung Cancers: 23%
- Rare and Less Common Cancers: 51%
Special chapters for 7 types of cancers & conclusion

1. Colorectal cancer
2. Breast
3. Uterine cervical cancer
4. Pulmonary cancer
5. Prostate cancer
6. Hematological cancer
7. Pediatric cancer

Conclusions:

TO DO:
• Send a proposal for a special chapter for RC while the document is on transparency
• Use BECA Report as a strong advocacy document
• Create a network of collaboration with other stakeholders
• Contact de drafting official team and advocate for a separate chapter
Thank you!