

Answers for Romania, provided by the Faculty of Medicine Romania

Which are the NCCP priorities with regards to rare cancers?

Romania has not endorsed yet a National Cancer Control Plan (in construction to be concluded during CANCON), but ongoing cancer control strategies were already submitted by Romanian Ministry of Health (MoH) Commission on Oncology for EPAAC evaluation of EU Member States Cancer Control Plans and are part of MoH published Romanian strategy on health.

Where are rare cancer patients treated in Romania?

Former and present Romanian strategies on cancer control did not include evaluation of treatment network on rare cancers separately. Even if a large amount of new cases is treated in comprehensive cancer centres or university hospitals with some forms of subspecialized units or specialists, a lot of new cases are still treated in general surgical departments of county an even little city hospitals.

How are hospitals identified? Are there any criteria?

A national or even better a regional evaluation of centres treating rare cancer can be done at Cancer Registry level. That will take some time and will provide some data for MoH Commission on Oncology, in order to be analyzed and decisions should be taken on referring new cases to some centres, but some legislative measures should be necessary, such as a special MoH Order on this subject.