Support Request for Cancer Patients in Romania

Protection Kits against COVID-19 for outpatient cancer patients

From: Federation of Cancer Patients' Associations in Romania

Subject: Project funding request - "Offering of Protection Kits against COVID-19 for outpatient cancer patients"

Dear Madam/ Dear Sir,

Considering:

- the national and international pandemic situation generated by COVID-19 coronavirus infection,
- cancer patients are the most exposed to COVID-19 and can easily become the vehicle of this virus,
- limited resources at the level of hospitals / oncology sections regarding patient protection equipment,
- IOB address no. 8619 from 18.03.2020 in the context of the pandemic by which it requests the support from the civil society in order to avoid syncope in activity and to prevent possible risks, in the context of very difficult access and very high consumption, during this period, of specific materials,
- the limited resources of the patients in the identification / purchase of the personal protection materials in order to prevent the contact with the infection with COVID-19,

Also, the message of the Societies of Medical Oncology and Radiotherapy in Romania, namely: "Cancer patients are known to be more vulnerable to influenza virus infections. It is estimated that the risk of being infected is 4 times higher and the risk of death is 10 times higher. This excessive risk seems particularly marked in those with lymphopenia or neutropenia, a characteristic commonly found in patients treated with chemotherapy or those who have received several lines of oncological treatment. [Bitterman et al., Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2018]."

Considering the above, the Federation of Cancer Patients Associations, a national umbrella organization for cancer patients in Romania, launches the initiative to support the initiative to limit COVID-19 infection among patients accessing healthcare services in Romania. within the Oncological Institute of Bucharest, but also within the other Centers / Hospitals oncology sections that will request support in this regard.
Upon arrival of the patient in the hospital and admissions for day hospitalization - ambulatory
- for consultation / chemotherapeutic treatment - radiotherapeutic / specific analysis /

the patient will receive a protection kit consisting of:

- shoe cover;
- disposable bathrobe;
- surgical mask in 3 folds;
- 60ml disinfectant glass;
- sterile surgical gloves.

The protection kits will be distributed by the IOB medical staff, sponsored by the FABC.

The number of protection kits will be able to be purchased within the limits of the funds obtained.

We appeal to all those who can make donations to the FABC RO60FNNB001802247025RO02 account to do so to protect themselves and their loved ones, but also those who suffer from this terrible disease.

The FABC draws attention to the fact that cancer patients cannot be ignored and marginalized, just because they were condemned with this serious disease.

That is why please support us together to limit the extremely negative effects of this virus among oncology patients.

For more information, we are at your disposal!

Sincerely,

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