

Italian best practice: Alliance among

**Health
professionals**

Patients

Institutions

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Cancer rehabilitation to reduce disabilities

Italy counts 2 million cancer survivors, with an estimated annual new case rate for 2009-2020 of +12%. According to recent data recorded by Italy's National Social Security Institute (INPS), cancer is a leading cause of disability.

Cancer rehabilitation: from diagnosis to palliative care, a cooperation between care centers and volunteer-based organizations to identify adequate treatment models

In 2003 F.A.V.O. performed the first national survey on cancer rehabilitation centers, which showed rehabilitation was an unrecognized right for numerous cancer survivors, especially in Southern Italy.

As a result, a project was designed to gain insight into cancer rehabilitation needs and treatment offers nationwide, and also to show that a multidisciplinary approach would be of great benefit.



The White Book of Cancer Rehabilitation



Alliance with: Italy's Ministry of Health, scientific societies, cancer institutes, National Social Security Institute, regional cancer networks.



Unmet needs: Information and communication

Psychological...

F.A.V.O. allocated grants in 2006 and in 2013 to hire psycho-oncologists in cancer centers assuring cancer patients' support

... and Social support

At F.A.V.O.'s help desk social workers provide support, information and practical assistance to patients and their families (e.g. to help them complete the application for civil disability and handicap recognition)

A national cancer information service facilitates access to diagnosis and treatment for all cancer patients!



30
booklets
and more

Training

A national
cancer
information
system



36
information
desks at the most
important cancer
Institutes
nationwide

Website
www.aimac.it

Over 5,000 visitors and 100,000
downloads per day

National Help Line



Main results

2011 First National Government Cancer Plan

APPROVED!

**Simultaneous care and cancer rehabilitation,
information, communication and
psychological support are to be ensured to
all cancer patients nationwide**



**Alliance with: scientific societies of medical oncology and psycho oncology,
cancer institutes, National Social Security Institute.**

The rights of cancer patients



A guide to inform cancer patients and their families on their rights and to help have them implemented

An overview of what is available

to improve the quality of life for cancer patients with regard to health, welfare, employment and other benefits



**A communication campaign:
An additional
weapon against
cancer... LAW**



Alliance with: Italy's Ministry of Welfare, National Social Security Institute, trade unions.

A revolution in cancer care: The National Observatory for Cancer Treatment and Care (since 2008)

An established alliance among:

- Patients
- Health professionals
- Institutions



Italian Federation of Volunteer-based Cancer Organizations (**FAVO**) - Information System of Italy's Ministry of Health - Italian Society of Medical Oncology (**AIOM**) - Italian Society of Psycho-Oncology (**SIPO**) - Italian Society of Ematology (**SIE**) - Italian Federation of General Practitioners (**FIMMG**) - National Social Security Institute (**INPS**) - Italian Society of Radiation Oncology (**AIRO**) - Italian Society of Surgical Oncology (**SICO**) - Censis Foundation (Centre for Social Studies and Policies) - Italian Association of Cancer Registries (**AIRTUM**)



On the occasion of the annual **National Cancer Survivors Day** the Observatory releases a **REPORT** on the health care and welfare services for cancer patients in Italy

New rights for cancer patients

Reduction of the time to disability recognition for cancer patients		Part-time work for employees with cancer and their families
Amendment of Law 80/2006	Government Law 102/2009	Law 276/2003 & Law 247/2007
Reduction of the time to disability recognition for cancer patients from 12 months to 15 days, which means economic and social benefits are payable earlier	Reduction nationwide of the response time to disability recognition from 18-20 months to 2-3 months by computerizing recognition procedures	Employees with cancer have the right to switch from full-time to part-time positions during treatment, and to reverse to full-time according to their needs and capability

The Observatory: main goals

Government and Parliament Law
189/2012
Law 98/2013

Innovative drugs are made
immediately available
all over the country
(as against previous delays of
16-24 months among various
regions)

Tabella 34 - Inclusioni di alcuni farmaci antitumorali, autorizzati da AIFA, nei Prontuari terapeutici regionali (PTR): ANALISI marzo 2013

Regione	PTR aggiornato al 31/03/13	Capecitabina	Bleomicina	Doxorubicina	Etoposide	Fluorouracile	Irinitina	Interferone	Leucovorina	Mitomicina	Nitrosourea	Paclitaxel	Pemetossina	Procarbina	Regorafenone	Sorafenib	Tamoxifene	Trastuzumab
Abruzzo	03/2010	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Basilicata	10/2008	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Calabria I	5/2010	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Campania 2	2009	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Emilia-Romagna	11/2010	LIMITI B3: 10	SI	SI	RMP	SI	SI	RMP	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	RMP	SI
Lazio	12/2008	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Liguria	06/2010	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Lombia	10/2007	SI	SI	SI	RMP	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Puglia	09/2009	RMP	RMP	SI	RMP	RMP	RMP	RMP	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	RMP	SI	SI
Sardegna	06/2010	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Sicilia	12/2009	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Toscana (Area Vasta N-Ovest) II	2009	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Prov. Autonoma Trento	11/2009	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Umbria	11/2009	SI mili II	SI mili II	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Valle d'Aosta	01/2010	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI
Veneto	12/2010	SI mili II	SI mili II	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI	SI

SI: farmaco inserito nel prontuario (vedi note quando presenti).

NO: farmaco non inserito nella versione del prontuario disponibile per l'analisi.

RMP: farmaco prescrivibile con richiesta motivata personalizzata.

LIMITI: farmaco inserito nel prontuario, con esplicite limitazioni d'impiego rispetto alle indicazioni AIFA (vedi note).

LEGENDA:

*In rosso le date dei PTR aggiornati rispetto

SI in giallo: i farmaci che risultano essere

2010

** nel Lazio con determinata 2048 è stato in

3° Rapporto sulla
condizione assistenziale
dei malati oncologici

Togheter Against Cancer Foundation

Partnership between Medical Oncologists and Cancer Patients

“Root for your health”

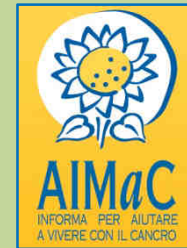
The first awareness campaign on cancer and unhealthy lifestyles.

“Cancer fight has no colour”

A campaign to raise awareness about cancer prevention, especially among the immigrants as the weakest part of the population.

“Pro Job. Working during and after cancer: a resource for the employer and employee”

This project aims to facilitate the employment of people with cancer, preventing dropout from the productive world, encouraging the management to implement suitable working conditions for the cancer patient.



Conclusions

FAVO's advocacy capacity demonstrates that building partnerships among patients' organizations, health professionals and institutions is the right and effective way to change the health and life of people with cancer



Thanks for your attention