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Second Swiss Contribution

Swiss–Cypriot Cooperation Programme

Karaiskakio Foundation

The Karaiskakio Foundation is a non – profit organization established with the sole purpose of organising a volunteer Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Today, by setting a dynamic vision “for a world without leukaemia”, it combines volunteering and specialized scientific support, in order to serve the needs of patients with haematological malignancies both effectively and efficiently.

The main activities of the Foundation are:

BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY

The Cyprus Bone Marrow Donor Registry, is a member of the international registry (BMDW) giving the opportunity to volunteer donors from Cyprus to help any patient in the world in need of bone marrow transplantation.

THE CYPRUS ROTARY CORD BLOOD REGISTRY

The Public Cord Blood Registry operates on a volunteer, non-profit basis as the Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Its sole purpose being public interest and social responsibility. It collects and stores the cord blood units to be used by patients who are in need of stem cell transplantation and cannot find a matching donor.

DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES

With a network of specialized diagnostic laboratories, the Karaiskakio Foundation in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Haematological Malignancies (CSHM), fulfils the clinical needs of the patients by providing a complete and integrated approach for the diagnosis of haematological malignancies and related diseases.

RESEARCH

It actively pursues research and innovation, aiming to constantly upgrade and expand its services, introduce new technology and knowledge, as well as secure financial support through grants, contributing to its continuing development and long-term sustainability

The purpose of the Swiss contribution is to expand the establishment of a multidisciplinary thematically focused Centre for Rare Diseases, with emphasis on psychosocial support and inclusion. With activities such as design and construction of state-of-the-art facilities for the facilitation of holistic, comprehensive disease management and psychosocial support, the aim is to serve this vulnerable population with an integrated and person-centred approach to care.

Switzerland is contributing CHF 2 Mio. to the Karaiskakio Foundation for the period 2024-2027.

For more information on the implementation of the Swiss-Cypriot Cooperation Programme

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