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- **WP 6: Defining criteria for a common process for identification and certification of PO expert centres in Europe.**

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WP6 Objectives



The primary aim of WP6 is to promote high quality patient care in paediatric oncology centres through an internationally recognised system of assessment/certification and to reduce inequalities in care between centres and countries.

Certification will be a process by which competency, authority and credibility is presented and confirmed.



WP6 Partners



Associated Partners: CCRI (Vienna), SIOPE (Bruxelles), IGR (Villejuif), HULAFE (Valencia), UCL (London)

Collaborating Partners: Brno (Czech Rep.), Milano (Italy), Riga (Latvija), Vilnius (Lithuania), Ljubliana (Slovenia), Nottigham (UK)

Tumour Study Groups
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- **Identification and certification process for healthcare centers to be recognised within the European Reference Network.**

Tasks:

define the terminology and definitions used for the certification process;

describe quality certification system;

prepare a checklist enabling self-assessment by treatment centres;

WP6 Milestones



- **Definition of terminology used for the certification process.**
- **Expected date: 15.12.2014**

**Document: European Standards of Care for Children with Cancer
ABBREVIATIONS, TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS**

WP6 Milestones



- **Description of quality certification system to ensure that procedures are being carried out in line with agreed standards**
- Expected date: **30.06.2015**

Principles of quality certification process

The full process contains 7 steps (plus the follow-up):

- Step 1: Application of a POH centre in the programme
- Step 2: Self-assessment
- Step 3: Go / no go decision
- Step 4: Peer review visit and designation check
- Step 5: Reporting
- Step 6: Formulate improvement plan
- Step 7: Designation/Certificate
- Follow-up



The scoring system is based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act-circle (Deming-cycle):

- **PLAN:** Design or revise process components to improve results
- **DO:** Implement the plan and measure its performance
- **CHECK:** Assess the measurements and report the results to decision makers
- **ACT:** Decide on changes needed to improve the process

Answers available: YES-MOSTLY-PARTIALLY-NO-NOT
APPLICABLE

Types of POH centers



- POH Unit (clinical facility or hospital department covering at least basic diagnostics for childhood cancer, with possibility to provide chemotherapy + formalized collaboration with other hospital specialities)
- (Specialised) Clinical POH Centre (characterised by the clinical capacity covering a sufficient degree of all diagnostics, medical, surgical and radiotherapy services and limited degree of clinical research)
- POH Research Centre (capacity in cancer research focusing on one or more areas in the field of fundamental or translational oncology)

Types of POH centers



- Comprehensive/Expert POH Centre
 - high level of infrastructure, expertise and innovation, multidisciplinary approach using the potential of basic, translational and clinical research, clinical facilities and activities, organised in a sufficiently identifiable entity
 - maintenance of an extensive network including variety of childhood cancers, all aspects of childhood cancer care and research
 - Broad activities in the area of education and external dissemination of knowledge and innovation (**related** to an academic/university centre or **is** an academic centre)



WP6 Milestones



Preparation of a checklist enabling self-assessment by treatment centres of their compliance with the European Standards.

- Expected date: **30.03.2016**

Checklist of compliance will be available for POH centres.

Self-assessment questionnaire



1. Glossary of Terms and Definitions.

2. Qualitative Part

include detailed questions on General standards, strategic plan and general management, care, research innovations and developments, education and teaching as well as patients related issues

3. Quantitative Part

require to provide numbers related to infrastructures, including diagnostics, multidisciplinary team, facilities, human resources, research activity, education.

Self-assessment questionnaire



- Questions directly arising from 15 chapters of Standards of Care document. The basic frame could be eventually widened according to specific needs
- Prepare more detailed questionnaire, even beyond the Standards of Care frame, lower score limits

Experience of Tumour Study Groups



- Chairs of 18 European Tumour Study Groups were asked:
 - A)** Has the Group established a system to recognize POH center fulfilling all necessary requirements to cooperate in the field?
 - B)** If yes, does these specific requirements include:
 1. Special hospital facilities
 2. Size of the center (number of new cases annually)
 3. Access to specific diagnostics (imaging, molecular, immunological, etc.)
 4. Other requirements related to patients care.



Feedback (8 TSGs)



- EURAMOS
- EWOG MDS
- EXPeRT
- I-BFM
- LCH Studie
- SIOPE-BTG
- **SIOPEL**
- SIOP-RTSG



National experience



Germany - the "Gemeinsame Bundesausschuß" (Joint Committee of stake holders in health care; short: GBA) criteria which need to be met by "Pediatric Oncology Centres". The document was activated in 2007, and revised in 2013.

Criteria for:

- patient care: qualification of doctors, nurses, psychosocial care;
- 24/7 services;
- supportive medical resources: availability of blood bank; ICU; labs; diagnostics (radiology etc); therapeutic departments (e.g. radiotherapy);
- enrollment of each patient on clinical trials or registries
- some more details.



Contribution

from European Tumour Groups
and NaPHOS

is needed and expected !