

## Mission of the Centre

1. To treat cancer with state-of-the-art services
2. To cooperate with public and private hospitals as well as the cancer voluntary organisations
3. To initiate and participate in prevention and early detection programs
4. To undertake research and to foster continuing education for all the professionals working with cancer patients
5. To develop collaborative links with leading oncology institutes in Europe and North America
6. To evolve as a referral centre for neighbouring countries

## Patient services

The Centre provides the following services:

- Radiotherapy
- Chemotherapy
- Hormone therapy
- Diagnostic examinations including blood tests and radiological investigations

## Organisation

The Centre's medical services are organised in two main departments. The Department of Radiation Oncology and Diagnostic Radiology which is headed by Dr. med. Demetris Andreopoulos and the Department of Medical Oncology which is headed by Dr. Demetris Papamichael.

## Site specialisation

Each patient is cared for by oncologists specialising in particular cancer types.

The Centre operates Specialist Oncology Units in the following main cancer types:

- Breast cancer
- Cancer of the brain and central nervous system
- Gastrointestinal cancer
- Gynaecological cancer
- Head and neck cancer
- Lung cancer
- Lymphomas and leukaemia
- Sarcomas
- Skin cancer
- Urological cancer

In addition there are Specialist Oncology Units for some less common diseases such as endocrine cancer as well as for benign tumours.

Radiation and medical oncologists work together to achieve the best course of treatment for every individual patient. Each case is presented and reviewed at regular scientific meetings at which all specialists participate.

Staff would be happy to explain the system of Specialist Oncology Units and answer any queries.

## Equipment and Facilities

The main medical equipment is of the latest technology. It is similar to that found in the leading overseas cancer centres and includes the following:

- 2 Linear Accelerators
- 2 Beam View units
- 1 Superficial treatment unit
- 1 HDR-Brachytherapy system
- 1 Simulator
- 1 Treatment planning system
- 1 Spiral CT scanner
- 1 Ultrasound unit
- 1 Mammography unit
- 1 Conventional X-ray unit
- 1 gamma-Camera

The Centre's facilities also include:

- 2 Wards for hospitalisation and inpatient treatment (46 beds)
- Bone marrow transplantation unit (4 beds)
- Day care unit for chemotherapy (12 beds)
- Out patient examination/consulting rooms
- Isolator for the reconstitution of cytotoxic drugs
- Operating theatre for minor procedures
- Central Sterile Supply Department
- Pharmacy and dispensary
- Laboratory

## Patient referral and Registration

You will be referred to the Centre by your doctor, after a diagnosis has been made. It would be useful if, when you come to the Centre for the first time, you brought with you, if available, relevant documents such as medical reports, biopsy results, blood tests or films of radiological examinations.

Registration is simple and fast and is undertaken by the Patient Administration Service. Either yourself, a family member or a friend will need to give the personal details necessary for your registration, including Identity Card / Passport Number. You should also bring with you your Ministry of Health Medical Card, if you have one.

## Payment for services

- All services are provided free of charge to all patients who present a valid Medical Card issued by the Ministry of Health. All cancer patients who are Cypriot citizens obtain this Card after completing the relevant application form and submitting it to the Ministry of Health. Application forms and relevant guidance are provided by the Patient Administration Service at the Centre.
- If you are not eligible for such a Card, services will be charged per item of service e.g. per consultation, diagnostic test or treatment session. Charges will be according to the Centre's schedule of prices. Once your plan of treatment has been decided by the oncologist, an estimate of the total cost of your treatment can be prepared by the Accounts Department.

- If you are covered by any form of medical insurance. You should inform the Patient Administration Service who will advise you on how to settle your account.

## Co-operation with referring doctors

The oncologists will work closely with the referring doctor. This on-going two-way communication and joint follow-up is vital for your treatment and care.

The referring doctor is briefed on the treatment plan, might see you regularly and be updated by the oncologist responsible for your care.

## Appointments for Consultations, Treatment or Tests

With the exception of emergencies, all consultations are by appointment only.

- The appointment for the first consultation at the Centre is usually arranged by your personal doctor.
- If you are personally going to make the appointment you may call the Patient Administration Service (tel: 22841400) Monday – Friday, 8.00 am - 4.30 pm.

## Working hours

Outpatients:	Monday – Friday	08:00 am – 16:00 pm
Day care unit:	Monday – Friday	08.00 am – 16:00 pm
Radiotherapy:	Monday – Friday	07:45 am – 16:30 pm
Emergencies:	24 hour service	

## Location

The Centre is situated in Nicosia, at 32 Acropoleos Avenue next to the Makarios Hospital and between St. Demetrios church and the Thalassaemia Centre.

## Parking

The car park in front of the main entrance of the building is for the exclusive use of patients. This is controlled by a security service.

## Establishment of the Centre

The Centre was created following an agreement, signed in 1992, between the Cyprus Government and the Bank of Cyprus. The agreement provides for the following:

- Utilisation of a donation by the Bank of Cyprus, of about seven million Cyprus pounds, for the construction and equipping of the Centre.
- Provision by the Government of land next to Makarios Hospital.
- Financing of annual operating expenses by the Government.

The Centre is an independent legal entity registered as a Charity under the Charities Law, Cap. 41.

## Board of Trustees

The Centre is managed by a seven member Board of Trustees. Three Trustees are appointed by the Government and three by the Bank of Cyprus. The Chairman is jointly appointed. Representatives of the Cyprus Anticancer Association and the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends sit in attendance.

## Useful Telephone numbers

Information	22841300
Patient Administration Service	22841400
Management/Administration	22841305