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Cancer Mission Hubs

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The aim of the Round-table Discussion is to bring together experts in oncology care – especially in rehabilitation and prehabilitation – scientists from basic, translational, and clinical research, coordinators of international projects focused on establishing both Cancer Mission Hubs and Comprehensive Cancer Centers (CCCs), and representatives of patient organizations.

The Round-table Discussion is being held at the Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (BMC SAS), an associated member of OECD, actively involved in the establishment of a Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) in Slovakia. At the same time, the discussion reflects the Slovak Academy of Sciences' interest in effectively involving the social sciences and humanities in projects aimed at improving the quality of life of oncology patients.

Dedicated to **World Cancer Research Day**

September 23, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Biomedical Research Center of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

Dionýz Blaškovič Lecture Hall, Institute of Virology, BMC SAS

Dúbravská cesta 9, Bratislava

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PARTICIPANTS

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Ján Sedlák, Head of Board, Slovak Cancer Research Foundation

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- open the topic of prehabilitation and rehabilitation as an essential part of comprehensive cancer care (Crevenna, Ligibel, Sládková, Ukropcová)
- highlight the research potential of both biomedical and social sciences at the Slovak Academy of Sciences in advancing cancer care (Pastoreková, Fedáková)
- evaluate the cooperation between clinical and research institutions (Mego, Špánik, Pastoreková, Chovanec)
- bring forward the opinion of patients regarding the nowadays patient journey and their vision of comprehensive cancer care (Kormanová, Gajdošíková, Derdáková)
- re-appreciate the potential of medical spas as a part of the national medical infrastructure (Zálešáková)
- emphasize the importance of international cooperation in creating the Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC) and the National Cancer Mission Hub (Jolly, Mego, Čierniková), and
- demonstrate the value of establishing a Slovak CCC for patients, doctors, and researchers (Mego, Špánik, Pastoreková, Chovanec, Ukropcová) along with the role of the National Cancer Mission Hub in implementing the pentahelix model (Čierniková, Špánik, Mego)