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### PROCARE: A national project for the rectum cancer treatment

**All scientific associations of doctors involved in rectum cancer in Belgium have sat together and have concocted the PROCARE (PROject on CAncer of the REctum) programme which aims to optimise the diagnosis and treatment of rectum cancer.**

In Belgium, 1500 new patients are estimated to be treated each year for rectum cancer. The treatment consists of a series of steps to be undertaken and coordinated in an optimal and multidisciplinary way.

#### Recommendations, training and registration

The **PROCARE** program includes, among others:

- drafting and updating of **Belgian recommendations** for the assessment, treatment and monitoring of rectum cancer
- **training of specialists** involved in the multidisciplinary treatment of the disease
- **permanent data registration** in order to evaluate the quality and the results of the treatment. Moreover, Belgium has to catch up in this field compared to neighbouring countries.

In this way, the PROCARE program wants to mobilise the best techniques, when it comes to diagnosis and treatment (surgery and radiotherapy), in order to offer patients, victims of this disease, the greatest chances of recovery.

#### Financed by public authorities

This program is subsidized by the government through a contract of 5 years with the INAMI, up to an amount of 1,275,000 Euro. This project has a copy role as a joint initiative of the medical profession and the government. It is also being carried out in collaboration, for data recording, with the National Cancer Registry.

#### More info?

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