



On Equality
in Beating
Cancer

Tragedy of a woman turned into blessing for many: providing access to the best cancer treatment for all Estonian patients

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The principles

We help funding treatment that:

- is oncological/haematological
- is evidence-based
- has relevant indication
- is not currently reimbursed by Estonian Health Insurance Fund (Haigekassa)
- has been prescribed by the doctor

We do that if:

- we have sufficient resources in the fund
- application for assistance is approved by the Supervisory Board of the fund
- the patient will contribute as much as possible to the treatment



2022 standing

- Over 1500 beneficiaries aged between 7-87
- Total donations of more than € 15 million
- All relevant applications funded: 100%
- 5-8% market share in oncological drugs
- Administrative costs below 5%
- Over 200 volunteers
- Participation in almost 1000 events in Estonia, but also Latvia and US
- The best known and well trusted charity organisation in Estonia
- Rapid increase in community charity and social cohesion

Volunteers



«Robinhooding»



Conclusions

Not all solutions to problems in healthcare have to start with the government

The private fund can be much more efficient and cost-effective in financing cancer treatment and assessing the need for help

The fund is expanding its mission to Latvia in 2022, but we are also interested in all other European countries where patients need support and our experience is welcome

We not only treat the sick, we also treat the healthy





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Thank you

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