

Press release for immediate release

On 24 October 2019, the Jules Bordet Institute is holding its Patients' Associations Open Day!



Brussels, October 15, 2019 – **On 24 October 2019 the Jules Bordet Institute, reference centre in the fight against cancer in Belgium, is holding an open day for patients' associations. On this occasion, patients, their families and loved ones, visitors and health professionals will be able to come together to discuss and discover the many missions and activities of patients' associations.**

Patient's associations: Sharing as the basis

Learning of an illness can give rise to a series of physical and psychological challenges. At a time when one can sometimes feel very alone, it is good to be able to talk to people who have faced a similar situation. It was out of this need to share experiences and useful activities that the patients' associations emerged. Practical advice on living with the illness on a day-to-day basis, information on treatment and progress in research, the organisation of activities (seminars, conferences, etc.), support, mutual help and providing someone ready to listen: patients' associations pursue many missions for patients and their loved ones, during and also after the illness.

Patients' Associations Open day

Many associations dedicated to various cancer pathologies exist in Belgium today. On 24 October, seven patients' associations will be present at the Jules Bordet Institute. Whether you are a patient yourself, related to or in any way close to a patient, a visitor or a health professional, we invite you to visit the various stands and to feel free to put any questions you may have.

The patients' associations will be pleased to welcome you at their stands, to discuss a particular subject or simply to provide further information:

- **Where?** At the Jules Bordet Institute, entrance by way of 121, Boulevard de Waterloo, 1000 Brussels.
- **When?** Thursday October 24th from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- **Free** access.

Associations present:

- AFMVB: Laryngectomees
- ALTE – SMP: Myeloproliferative syndromes

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- Lymfklierkanker Vereniging Vlaanderen : Lymphomas
- MyMu: Multiple myelomas
- Vaincre: Bronchial cancers
- Vivre comme avant: breast cancer
- Net men Kanker: Neuroendocrine tumours (NET) & multiple endocrine neoplasia (MEN).

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About the Jules Bordet Institute

An integrated multidisciplinary centre, unique in Belgium, the Jules Bordet Institute is an autonomous hospital devoted exclusively to cancer.

For more than 75 years, the Jules Bordet Institute has been providing its patients with diagnostic and therapeutic strategies at the forefront of progress to prevent, detect and actively combat cancer. The Institute pursues three missions: care, research and teaching. Its international reputation attracts the world's leading cancer experts. Its spirit of innovation has enabled it to participate in the development and discovery of major new methods of diagnosis and treatment with the aim of bringing the findings to the patient as rapidly as possible.

In May 2018, the Jules Bordet Institute received official accreditation and designation from the OECI (Organisation of European Cancer Institutes) as a "Comprehensive Cancer Centre", a quality label reserved for multidisciplinary cancer care institutions whose activities include research and teaching. This is a first for Belgium.

The Jules Bordet Institute is a member of the Iris and Université Libre de Bruxelles hospital networks. With its 160 beds dedicated exclusively to cancer patients, every year the Institute treats more than 6,000 in-patients., 12,000 out-patients and provides 75,000 consultations. To effectively meet future demographic and scientific developments, the Institute is planning to build a new Institute Bordet on the ULB university campus in Anderlecht, next to the Erasmus Hospital. Inauguration is planned for 2020.

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About the Friends of the Bordet Institute

The Friends of the Jules Bordet Institute is a non-profit-making organisation with the sole aim of supporting and financing research at the Jules Bordet Institute, a cancer centre that is a reference in Belgium and abroad. As the largest private donor to the Bordet Institute, "The Friends" have donated almost 12 million euros in the past five years.

Considerable progress has been made in the field of oncology in recent years. Our understanding of the biological origin of cancer is growing all the time. Whereas 10 years ago we spoke of the microscopic analysis of tumours, today we speak of genetic profile, of sequencing, etc. Dozens of new molecules and markers have been developed, permitting the advent of personalised treatment. This progress has to a large extent been made possible through the extraordinary technological progress of recent years. But these new techniques that now enable us to probe the infinitesimally small are increasingly expensive.

For more than 50 years, the help of the "Friends" has enabled the Jules Bordet Institute to pursue its research using the most advanced technologies, thereby providing patients with the most innovative screening and treatment techniques. Techniques that generate life and hope.

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By helping and supporting "The Friends of the Bordet Institute" you are participating in the many research programmes that they support and that all pursue a single aim: victory for life.

To find out more about the association The Friends of the Jules Bordet Institute, go to the website www.amis-bordet.be

To find out more about the "101 tables pour la vie", go to the website www.101tables.com

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