



**Innovative Facility for Isotope GENERation with Efficient Ion Accelerator**

**PASYKAF: The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends**

**Mr. Nicolas Philippou, CEO**

**Kick-off meeting**

3-4 March 2025

Thessaloniki, Greece

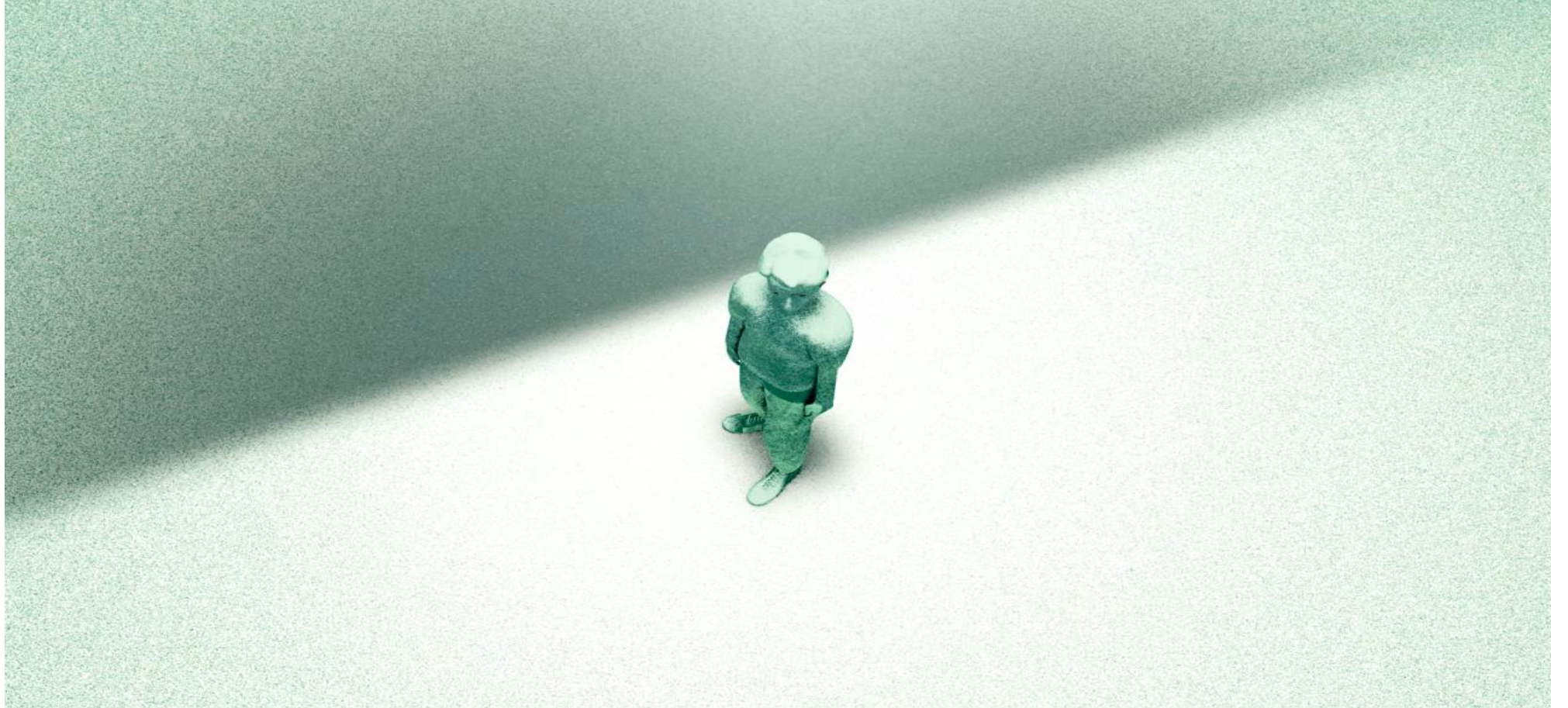


# Who we are

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- The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients & Friends.
- Volunteering, not-for-profit, charitable Organization with registration no. 525.
- We were founded in 1986 by 21 people experiencing cancer and other devoted friends.
- We operate 5 offices in all the districts in Cyprus and 2 Palliative Care Hospices.
- All our Services and Programs are offered for free.





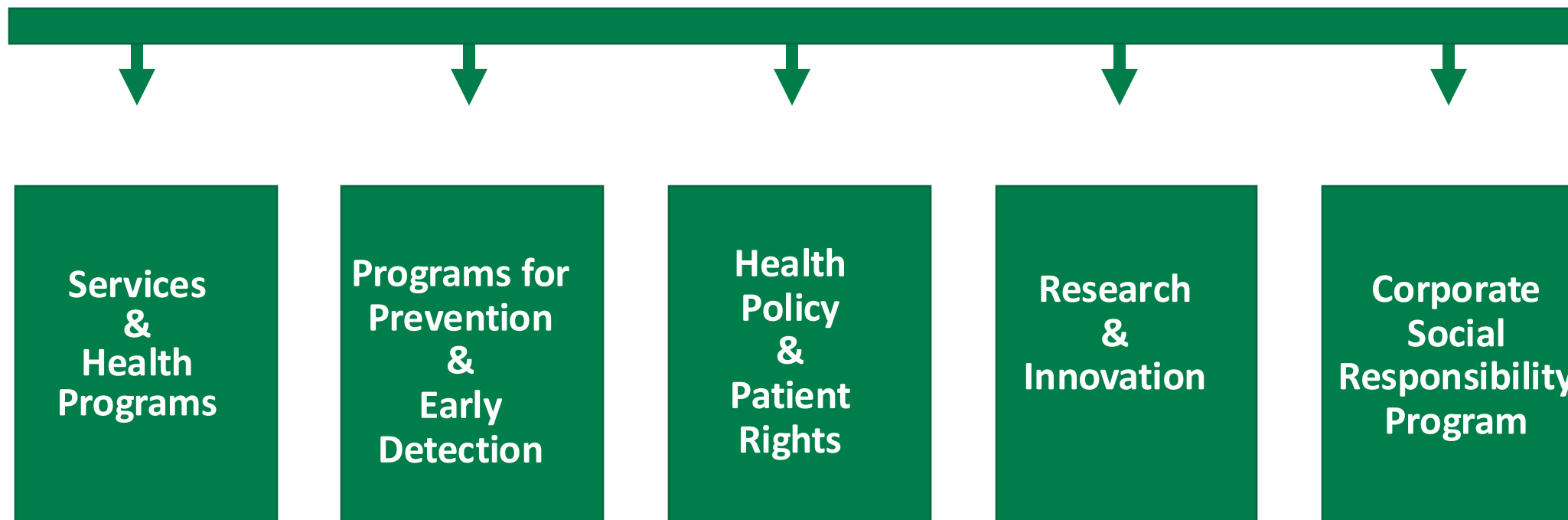
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**8,599** patients and their families,  
received **free** services, through **38,826**  
**sessions**  
that were carried out by PASYKAF  
cross Cyprus in 2024.



## What PASYKAF has to offer



# Services and Health Programs

**TOGETHER  
EVERY STEP**  
of the way, from diagnosis  
to recovery. 



Supportive and Palliative **Home Care**,  
Available 24/7



Medical and Nursing Monitoring



Provision and Loan of  
Medical Equipment



Psychological Support for Patients  
and their Families



Physiotherapy and  
Lymphoedema Clinics



Practical Assistance with  
Social Welfare Issues



Bereavement Support Service



Patient Transport from All Districts  
to **Oncology Centers** in Nicosia  
and Limassol



Nutritional Support Service



2 Hospice Care Centers:  
**PASYKAF - EDEM &  
PASYKAF - Archangel Michael**



**ARCHANGEL  
MICHAEL**  
PASYKAF HOSPICE

Paphos District  
**9 beds**



Larnaca District  
**12 beds**



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# Services and Health Programs

## Psychosocial Service Programs



PASUKAF provides 3 programs designed to support individuals affected by cancer and their families.




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στις αλλαγές που επιφέρει η εμπειρία του καρκίνου.

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# Services and Health Programs

## Psychosocial Service Programs



### Program: I am changing... BUT I'M STILL ME

It aims to support people experiencing cancer and help them adapt to the changes caused by the disease, through the provision of complete information as well as practical support, in matters affecting their psychology as well as their body image such as the loss of hair, changes in their weight, skin etc.



- Under the program:
  - ✓ We lend wigs
  - ✓ We offer practical advice on how to handle various changes or issues that may arise during therapy
  - ✓ Soon we will add beauty seminars.



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# Services and Health Programs

## Psychosocial Service Programs



### Program: FrontiZO



The "FrontiZO" Program supports caregivers of cancer patients by providing essential tools, guidance, and support to help them care for their loved ones while maintaining their well-being.



### Program: SynechiZO



The "SynechiZO" Program helps cancer survivors transition from treatment to daily life, promoting psychological, physical, and social well-being.





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# Programs for prevention and early detection PASYKAF

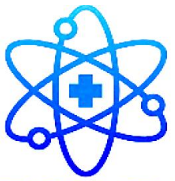
The Programs for cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Check ups, offered by PASYKAF for the systematic and targeted enlightenment of the public, aim to change the public's mentality and to facilitate the implementation of a healthier lifestyle.

- Prevention and early detection of cervical cancer
- Elimination of HPV
- **Thyroid** cancer
- **Head and neck** cancer
- Bladder cancer
- Prevention and early detection of male cancer
- Prevention and early detection of female and gynecological cancer
- Skin cancer and melanoma
- Colon cancer
- European Code Against Cancer
- Addiction – Smoking, Alcohol
- Wellness

About 40% of all cancers can be prevented by making the right choices in our lifestyle!



Together through life...  
together in prevention!



# Health Policy & Patient Rights



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- Through our ever-growing relationships and partnerships with institutions **we work to effectively improve national policies/ legislation** affecting people with cancer experience.
- PASYKAF actively participates in the Boards of Directors and Committees of Local and European Organizations, with the aim of acquiring new knowledge and exchanging know-how.

## In Europe:



## In Cyprus:

- Bank of Cyprus Oncology Center Board of Directors
- Cyprus Federation of Patients' Associations (CyFPA)
- Standing Committee on Cancer (CyFPA)
- National Commission on Cancer Strategy
- Close collaborations with the Ministries of Health/ Culture & Education/ Labour and Social Insurance
- We collaborate with: University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology, UCLAN, Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Breast Center Cyprus and German Oncology Center



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# Research and Innovation



The **Research and Development department of PASYKAF** was created in 2018 and already is actively involved in European programs and researches in the health sector.

## Aim

The adoption of innovative tools and techniques, as well as the training of health professionals and people receiving the Organization's services.

## Achievements :

- 11 participations in research programs (HORIZON 2020 & HORIZON EUROPE.)
- 4 studies (3 of which are clinical)
- Publications in acclaimed scientific journals
- Collection of data that contributes to the formulation of policy and the defence of the rights of Cypriot citizens
- Creation of a network of





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# PASYKAF's CSR Program



## Health+Wellbeing at WORK

- In Cyprus, approximately 1,800 people of working age are diagnosed with cancer each year, with the frequency constantly increasing.
- PASYKAF, as a Patients' Association, prioritizes the support of people with cancer experience in the workplace and positions itself as an ally to every business.
- Through its new programme, it provides specialist support and guidance to employers and HR professionals, helping them create an environment that incorporates good health and wellbeing practices.

### The program aims:

- To improve the wellness of employees at work.
- To support people with cancer experience at work.
- To provide proper information and guidance to employers, offering consultations and good practices for the effective support both of employees experiencing cancer as well as the rest of the staff.
- To raise awareness in the community on the challenges faced by employees experiencing cancer.
- To promote amendments in employment laws, implementing policies at a national level.

# OUR TEAM

## 118 permanent employees & 20 associates

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### 93 Health Professionals

5 doctors • 38 nurses • 4 nursing assistants/ carers • 14 psychologists • 11 physiotherapists • 9 social workers  
2 clinical nutritionists • 3 drivers • 7 service secretaries

6 Prevention/ Research/ Health Policy Officers • 16 Fundraising Officers • 23 Officers and Support Staff



## **Work package WP2 – Education, Dissemination, Inclusion and Diversity**

- PASYKAF will contribute to co-creating training modules for healthcare providers, organize patient-centered workshops on nuclear medicine benefits, and support citizen engagement activities.
- WP1 – Project Management
- WP5 – Business plan for end users: From science to business including spinoffs
- Work package WP6 – Mentorship





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