The National Cancer Control Program of the Czech Republic

General Aim:
Reduction of cancer incidence and mortality.
Improvement in the quality of life of cancer patients.
Enhancement of effectiveness of cancer diagnosis and therapy in the Czech Republic.

Strategies:
Fight against cancer with a countrywide and regional political agenda.
Promote the fight against cancer as a vital interest of the public and of the medical community.
Institute international anti-cancer cooperation within EU and WHO frameworks.
Arrange for the sustainability of the cancer program by cost control.
Monitor clearly and evaluate tendencies, outputs, and outcomes of the cancer control program.
Provide annual reporting and updating.

Specific Goals:
1. To provide support to cancer education at schools, as well as public education on primary prevention. To reduce tobacco smoking, especially among youth and women. To promote a healthy diet and lifestyle.
2. To screen for breast, colorectal, and cervical cancer with regular audits. To determine the value of screening examinations.
3. To improve the early detection of cancer, especially in cooperation with general practitioners. To implement innovations in a scheme of preventive examinations that integrates early detection of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and metabolic diseases.
4. To establish the Czech Cancer Network and the Czech Cancer Society accreditation system based on four comprehensive qualification, component, self-evaluation, communication. To create a Coordination Board of Czech Cancer Centers.
5. To enhance the equity/availability of cancer care services and information on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and therapy on a countrywide basis.
6. To establish a stable network of palliative care departments, hospices, and home care services. To establish an evaluation of the quality of life and pain control in patients with advanced cancer.
7. To implement stability, innovation, and practical utilization of the National Cancer Registry for managed health care in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and therapy.
8. To support cancer research and professional education in oncology. To regularly introduce health technology assessment principles in clinical oncology.

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