

Das Onkologische und Palliativmedizinische Netzwerk Landshut. Ein innovatives Versorgungskonzept für schwerkranke Patienten im ländlichen Raum.

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- BACKGROUND**
- Care of cancer patients in rural and urban areas in Europe differs significantly
 - Comparable high standard medical service for rural areas is demanded by patients and public

- Characteristics of care in rural areas**
- low frequency of specialists or qualified clinics
 - long distances to clinics, to comprehensive cancer centres, and clinical trial units
 - insufficient public transport service
 - differences in mentality between rural and urban cancer population
 - growing difficulties recruiting qualified oncologists, general practitioners and other medical staff

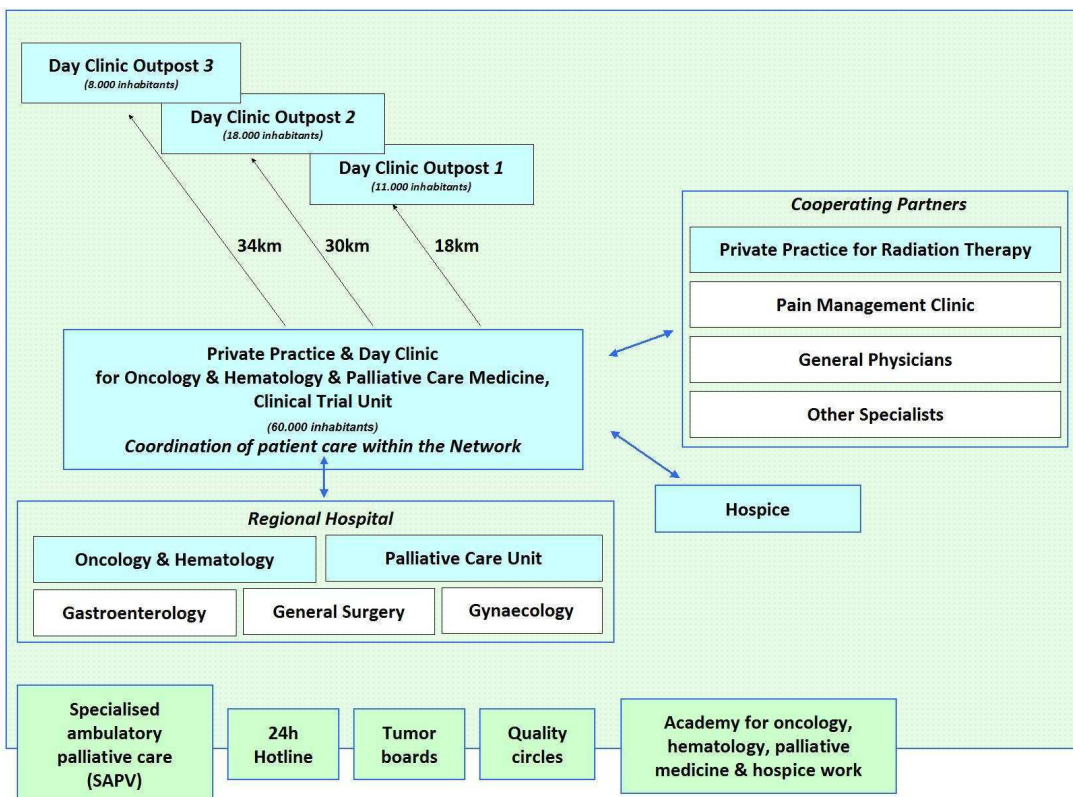


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The Landshut Network for Oncology and Palliative Care Medicine

- The palliative care unit Landshut is part of the Network for Oncology and Palliative Care Medicine Landshut which has been accredited by the ESMO (Designated Centre of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care) in 2010 and the DGHO in 2011.
- The network is situated in the rural region (220.000 inhabitants) of Lower Bavaria, Germany.
- The network aims to improve cancer care and palliative care service with regard to the special needs of the rural cancer population.
- Core of the network is a close co-operation between a private practice for oncology & hematology and a regional hospital.
- All diagnostics and therapies are organised centrally for the patient
- Patients have access to a clinical trials unit near to their home



Specialised ambulatory palliative care (SAPV)



Hospice Vilsbiburg

How can cancer care be developed in rural areas?

- Building innovative patient centered networks with smart organisational structure
- Assuring high quality of medical care through international certification
- New strategies for recruiting qualified staff for rural regions
- Initiating health services research on care in rural areas
- We propose the foundation of a task force for cancer care in rural areas