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Window of opportunity in medicines research and development (R&D)

New opportunities:

- Molecular targets/pathways
- Genome sequencing
- Translational research
- “Personalised” medicine
- Companion diagnostics
- Need for post-marketing data
- HTA, QoL, endpoints, comparators
- Healthcare budgets, drug pricing



Overcoming public scrutiny on research

- Only 6-12% of cancer patients participate in clinical studies
- 75% of Phase II-IV studies delayed due to slow patient recruitment
- Bad image one reason for delayed generation of meaningful clinical data



Patients as partners of research: More needs to be done!



“ *Rare cancers will never be a priority unless the patients make it one. **Patients themselves must therefore play a larger role in driving forward the search for therapies.** They are able to see connections that have eluded scientists.* ”

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To Make Progress in Rare Cancers, Patients Must Lead the Way

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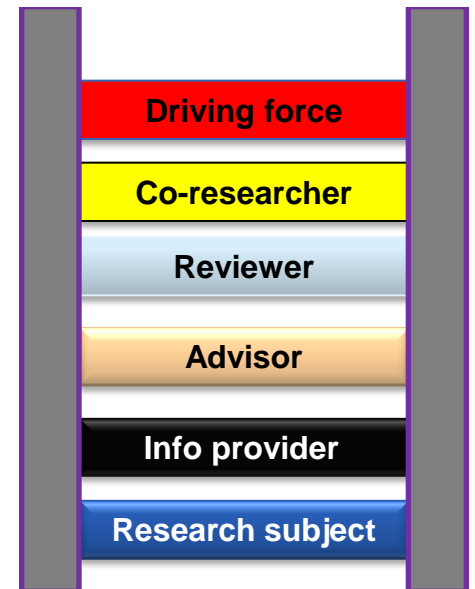
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In January, 2004, I flew to New Orleans, LA, to meet Andy Martin. He took me to the laboratory where he was working. A third-year medical stu-

dent. They recognized that when it came to SNUC, Andy was in many ways the expert on the disease. These physicians learned from the research he did,

Patient advocates' key role in building new environment for R&D

- Patient organisations have unique insights in „real life“ and „real needs“ of patients:
 - Gaps → research priorities
 - Clinical trial design
 - Quality of Life
 - Real-world access to therapies
 - „Value“
 - Patient-centered research policy



Unmet need of patient & public, and great willingness to contribute!



■ Patients...

- are largely unaware about clinical trials, translational research, personalized medicine, health economics, their role

■ Patient advocates...

- **like to advise** on study protocol design, informed consent, ethical review, marketing authorization, value assessment, health policy
- **some organisations** have contributed for years, but find training new members challenging
- most **lack the education and training** required to participate as a partner in drug research and development



Educational initiatives to train patients

- Great individual initiatives to train patient advocates - by patient organisations, academia, industry, healthcare professionals



- Complemented by:
**The European Patients' Academy
on Therapeutic Innovation**



EUPATI: Training patients as partners in medicines R&D



- ▶ Launched Feb 2012, runs for 5 years, 29 consortium members,
- ▶ PPP of EU Commission and EFPIA
- ▶ will **develop and provide, objective, credible, correct, up-to-date knowledge about medicines R&D**
- ▶ will **build competencies & expert capacity** among patients & public
- ▶ will **facilitate patient involvement in R&D** to support academia, authorities, industry, ethics committees

Areas covered by EUPATI



1. Medicines development process from research to approval
2. Personalised, predictive medicine
3. Drug safety, risk/benefit assessment of medicines
4. Pharmaco-economics, health economics and health technology assessment
5. Design & objectives of clinical trials (& roles of stakeholders)
6. Patients roles & responsibilities in medicines development

**...and *NOT*:
develop indication-
or therapy-specific
information!**

EUPATI Audiences: advocacy leaders and the lay public



**EUPATI Certificate
Training Programme**

**100
patient
advocates**



**EUPATI Educational
Toolbox**

**12.000
patient
advocates**



**EUPATI
Internet Library**

**100.000
individuals**

**English
French
German
Spanish
Polish
Italian
Russian**

Reflecting European diversity: 7 languages, 12 countries

- **7 most frequently spoken languages:**

English, French, German, Spanish, Polish,
Italian, Russian

- **Serving 12 European countries:**

UK, Ireland, Malta, France, Luxemburg, the francophone
Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Italy and
Poland,
plus Russian-speaking population in CEE



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Project is led by four key pan-European patient associations



▶ **European Patients Forum**

▶ EUPATI Project Coordination

- >50 umbrella patient organisations. Through 'members of members', potential outreach to 150 million patients



▶ **European Genetic Alliance Network**

- Linked with national and regional patient alliances in Germany, Eastern Europe, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Greece and Balkan countries



▶ **EURORDIS – Rare Diseases Europe**

- Representing >500 rare disease organisations in >45 countries



▶ **European AIDS Treatment Group**

- More than 100 members in over 30 countries.

Additional partners in other patient organisations and "members of members" via "EUPATI Network"

Multi-stakeholder consortium, transparently governed

- Led by patient organisations
- Strong impetus from academia and NGOs
- Industry expertise in medicines R&D
- **Advisory bodies** help ensuring independence, transparency, good governance
 - EMA, Swissmedic, MHRA, BfArM
 - Key experts in bioethics, genetics, HTA, economics, evidence based med, patient advocacy, e.g. IQWiG, NICE, Cochrane, EUnetHTA
 - Ethics Panel



EUPATI in 2016: What EUPATI will have achieved



- ▶ EUPATI platform fully loaded with training, education, information material in multiple languages
- ▶ EUPATI Patient Ambassador, Patient Journalist, Train-the-Trainer Programme in place
- ▶ Good practice guideline for patient involvement released
- ▶ Annual Conferences and at least 5 Regional Workshops performed. Expert network established.

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