

Deutsche Krebshilfe: Call for Applications

Priority Programme 'Complementary Medicine in Oncology'

Deutsche Krebshilfe (German Cancer Aid) supports measures related to cancer prevention, early cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment and after-treatment, psychosocial care, self help and health promotion.

With the aim of increasing transparency and objectivity in the area of unconventional treatments, on which cancer patients are continuously seeking advice, German Cancer Aid has decided to set up the priority programme 'Complementary Medicine in Oncology'. The goal of this programme is to generate high-quality information on existing practices and evidence-based studies as well as to make this information easily accessible for health care professionals and advisors, researchers, patients and the general public.

Therefore, German Cancer Aid will support a **network of competence**, consisting of experienced institutions within and outside universities. This interdisciplinary consortium should be lead by a clinical oncologist with proven expertise in complementary methods.

All applications should clearly describe their strategies for a collaborative project with the following objectives:

1. Assessment of the present practice among patients and physicians and setting of goals for the future
 - analysis of present vs. required information policies, standards and consulting networks
2. Implementation of a competence network in the field of complementary medicine in oncology, considering the following topics
 - development and definition of methods as well as quality standards for selecting and generating information
 - dissemination of information: development of suitable platforms and consulting networks for all target groups within the German health care system
 - development of standards for training and qualification of health care professionals and advisors
3. Evaluation of the impact of the competence network on every-day practice in the field

Prospective applicants must submit a letter of intent to German Cancer Aid by the **01 Dec 2010**, 13:00. Full applications must be submitted by the **17 Jan 2011**, 13:00.

Please find detailed guidelines on the application and further information on the evaluation procedure at www.krebshilfe.de/ausschreibungen.html.