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**Support for the development and designation
of the Estonian Comprehensive Cancer Centre
(ESTCCC)**

To whom it may concern,

The Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia is pleased to express its support for the continued development of the Estonian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (ESTCCC) and for its progression towards designation and potential subsequent certification as a Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Estonia has a clear need to further strengthen the integration of cancer care, research, education and innovation. The development of a Comprehensive Cancer Centre would support closer coordination and collaboration between healthcare and research institutions, contribute to the quality and comprehensiveness of cancer care, and ultimately help improve outcomes for patients.

The ESTCCC consortium brings together Estonia's key institutions in cancer care and research: Tartu University Hospital, North Estonia Medical Centre, East Tallinn Central Hospital, Tallinn Children's Hospital, the University of Tartu and Tallinn University of Technology. The consortium is coordinated by the Estonian Cancer Network (ESTCAN) at the University of Tartu.

This collaborative model brings together the clinical, research and academic capacities required for the development of a comprehensive national cancer centre and provides a strong foundation for further integration of cancer care and research in Estonia.

The ESTCCC consortium is currently participating in the EUnetCCC pilot process to assess and implement the requirements and standards applicable to Comprehensive Cancer Centres.

The Ministry of Social Affairs supports the ESTCCC consortium in continuing the designation process and in its further development towards potential certification as a Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Yours sincerely,

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