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## A BELGIAN PORTAL IS TRANSFORMING THE CLINICAL TRIALS LANDSCAPE

### *ClinicalTRials.gov links up patients and hospitals in the interests of clinical research*

Brussels, 19 May 2023 – **The Brussels University Hospital, consisting of the Erasmus Hospital, the Jules Bordet Institute and the Queen Fabiola Children's University Hospital (HUDERF), is teaming up with Esperity to launch a Belgian portal presenting the clinical trials conducted at the three hospitals. The symbolic launch date is 20 May, on the occasion of international clinical trials day. A platform that aims to better inform patients of the clinical trials open at our hospitals.**

### *More than an information platform, a genuine research portal*

Innovative medicines are essential to improving the quality of life of patients, increasing the effectiveness of current treatment and finding remedies for diseases. However, the information on clinical trials is often only available in English and is not always easy to understand. In response to this situation, the portal created by Esperity provides an effective means of providing patients with information on clinical trials that is always up to date. Following two years of development by Esperity, this portal is now accessible on the websites of the three hospitals (Erasmus Hospital, Jules Bordet Institute and the HUDERF) as well as on the Brussels University Hospital website. There you will find details of the clinical trials being conducted at our three institutions. The launch of this platform marks the beginning of a trajectory that aims to help patients find the best clinical trial and help hospitals find the right patients. An initiative that will also make it possible to speed up the recruitment of patients and contribute to the marketing of safe and effective medicines.

### *Clinical research, the key to progress in medical knowledge*

The commitment of patients is essential to clinical research. Their participation in clinical trials makes it possible to answer important research questions that will subsequently also serve other patients. By participating in a clinical trial, patients whose medical needs are not met can have access to innovative treatment and advanced care dispensed by specialised health professionals. By contributing to research they help progress in medical knowledge that makes it possible to improve treatment for others. Furthermore, in this way patients benefit from personalised follow-up and support that assures them of the best possible care.

### *A day dedicated to promoting clinical research*

Within the three hospitals that make up the Brussels University Hospital a series of actions will take place on Monday 22 May with the aim of promoting clinical research. To find out more about the Clinicaltrial.be platform or, more generally, for information on how clinical research is organised, come and meet our experts at the information stands located in the three reception halls on Monday 22 May

- between 9 am and 5 pm at the Jules Bordet Institute and the Erasmus Hospital
- between 10 am and noon and 2 pm and 6 pm at the HUDERF

### *Further information*

- Consult the Esperity press release at: <https://esperity.com/clinical-trial-portal/>
- For more information on the clinical trials portal, go to [clinicaltrial.be](https://clinicaltrial.be).

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## ABOUT THE JULES BORDET INSTITUTE

An integrated multidisciplinary centre, the only one of its kind in Belgium, the Jules Bordet Institute is an autonomous hospital dedicated exclusively to cancerous diseases.

During the past 80 years the Jules Bordet Institute has been offering its patients diagnostic and treatment strategies at the leading edge of progress to prevent, detect and actively fight cancer. The Institute pursues three missions: care, research and teaching. The Institute's international reputation attracts leading experts in the field of cancer. Its spirit of innovation has enabled it to participate in the development and discovery of new methods of diagnosis and major treatment innovations, with the aim of translating the results into improved patient care as rapidly as possible.

In May 2028, the Jules Border Institute was officially awarded, for the second time, OECl (Organisation of European Cancer Institutes) accreditation as a "Comprehensive Cancer Center", a quality label reserved for multidisciplinary cancer care institutions that combine research and training. The Jules Bordet Institute is the only Comprehensive Cancer Centre with OECl accreditation in Belgium.

On 28 November 2021, the Jules Bordet Institute opened its new building on the ULB university campus in Anderlecht with 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> fully dedicated to leading edge cancer care, research and training, as well as a patient well-being centre. It offers 250 hospitalisation beds and 43 day hospitalisation beds.

The Jules Bordet Institute is also part of the H.U.B., the University Hospital of Brussels, which includes the Erasmus Hospital, the Jules Bordet Institute and the Queen Fabiola Children's Hospital. Thanks to new investments, this internationally renowned university hospital group is able to guarantee high quality care accessible to all combined with excellence in research and training.

[www.bordet.be](http://www.bordet.be)

## ABOUT THE ERASMUS HOSPITAL

The Erasmus Hospital is located on the Erasmus hospital-faculty campus, which includes the Faculty of Medicine (about 3500 students), the Faculty of Motor Sciences (about 1100 students) and the School of Public Health (about 600 students).

Opened in 1977 and with a capacity of 1,048 beds, the hospital receives 25,000 to 30,000 inpatients annually and has 350,000 to 400,000 consultations.

More than 4,000 members of staff, in 80 different professions, contribute on a daily basis to providing care under the sign of ambition, excellence and well-being. The Lothier Polyclinic and 2 external centres (the Traumatology and Rehabilitation Centre - CTR and the Geriatric Revalidation Centre - CRG) complete the care offer.

[www.erasme.ulb.ac.be](http://www.erasme.ulb.ac.be)

## ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Queen Fabiola University Children's Hospital is the only Belgian hospital exclusively dedicated to children and adolescents. By doing everything possible for the well-being of children, our hospital contributes to their being actors of their own development and to their blossoming in society.

The hospital's mission is to

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- To care for and support children, adolescents and their families through comprehensive, multidisciplinary, humanistic and excellent care.
- To provide high-level teaching and research through a continuous process of innovation and development of knowledge.
- To contribute actively to health education.

The Children's Hospital in figures: 183 beds, nearly 135,000 consultations, more than 36,000 emergency admissions and more than 41,000 days of hospitalisation per year. More than 3,700 operations are performed in the operating area each year. More than 1,000 people work there today, representing 750 FTEs (full-time equivalents), including 170 FTE doctors (52.5 post-graduate FTEs) and 440 FTE nurses and paramedics.

[www.huderf.be](http://www.huderf.be)

## ABOUT THE H.U.B

The Hôpital Universitaire de Bruxelles (H.U.B) is the academic hospital of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), which unites the Jules Bordet institute, the Erasme Hospital and the Queen Fabiola Children's University Hospital (HUDERF) since 2021. As an international reference center, located in the heart of the Brussels Region, the H.U.B offers high quality general, oncological and pediatric care. This excellent care, accessible to all, is enriched and sustained by a dual approach of scientific research and teaching for the caregivers of tomorrow.

In 2022, the H.U.B. is composed of more than 6,000 employees who share the following values: Interest of the patient, Respect, Commitment, Solidarity, Diversity and Inclusion, and the principle of Free enquiry.

[www.hubruelles.be](http://www.hubruelles.be)