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### **Cancer: Clinique Saint-Luc Bouge is the first to integrate a European exchange network**

The Namur clinic is indeed the first in Belgium to integrate a European network for the exchange of information. It is the CODE platform that collects and shares cancer data, which aims to find the most appropriate treatment for each type of cancer and speed up procedures for recognizing and reimbursing treatments.

#### **What will this platform bring that is new?**

Currently, there is already a whole series of data on cancer that are collected in the various Belgian hospitals. But the CODE platform would allow faster, more accurate, anonymous information collection and extend it to a much larger area, and thus gain access to more data.

#### **What will this enable?**

When we talk about cancer, we talk about dozens of different treatments: chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy to name a few.

So which treatment should one choose? On this platform, the doctor can consult cases similar to the one he has to treat. See what is prescribed based on the type of cancer but also for example the age and sex of the patient, and what seems most effective.

These new and most effective treatments can also be more easily identified for INAMI<sup>1</sup> reimbursement.

#### **When will these changes be applied?**

The CODE platform is already used by several European hospitals. Here, the Clinic Saint-Luc Bouge hopes to fully participate by the end of the year.

It has just acquired a new software that automatically collects data from chemotherapy prescriptions. This is an essential first step. This software will be installed in the coming weeks.

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<sup>1</sup> National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance