

Dear patient,

An oncologist at Docrates Cancer Center can, at your request, search public databases for clinical trials in any geographical area that could be suitable for you. This may be an alternative if there is no established treatment available for your cancer or condition, or if they have already been used, or if the doctor knows of a promising investigational medicinal product that is not yet available outside clinical trials.

Public databases such as clinicaltrials.gov include the inclusion and exclusion criteria for each clinical trial on a general level and a description of the treatment being studied. Based on this information and your medical history, an oncologist trained in clinical research searches for clinical trials and picks approximately five trials that may be suitable for you. In addition, the doctor may search public databases for already published data on the medicinal product being studied; that is, what is known about its effects on the basis of laboratory studies or possible previous clinical trials.

After the database search, you will meet the oncologist in a separate appointment at Docrates Cancer Center. You and the doctor will go through the search results and choose one or more study sites to be contacted. The doctor will then contact these study sites by email.

The oncologist at Docrates is not responsible for the content of the possible reply received from the study site, or for not receiving any reply at all despite repeated attempts. If contact is made with a study site, you are responsible for further contact with the investigator/study site, as well as any practical arrangements related to your appointments with the investigator (making appointments, translating the required detailed medical records, sending the medical records to the study site, travelling, etc.). Furthermore, it is important to understand that the final decision on your suitability for the clinical trial is with the investigator/study site and depends on the study protocol and your situation and health. The oncologist at Docrates Cancer Center cannot influence or take any responsibility for this decision, and the doctor cannot promise that you will be admitted to the clinical trial. Also, it may happen that no trial can be identified that would suit you.

The paid service includes reviewing your medical records, conducting the database searches and contacting the clinical investigator at one or more study sites. The post-search appointment during which you go through the search results with the doctor is also included in the price. The service costs EUR 1500. At an extra charge, the doctor at Docrates Cancer Center can write a medical summary of your condition in English for the information of the study site. The counselling nurse at Docrates Cancer Center can also assist you with practical matters (EUR 116/hour). At an extra charge, Docrates Cancer Center can assist you with the translation of your medical records.

The research of clinical trials cost is EUR 1500 excluding communication with the specialist and nurses (e.g. telephone conversations or emails) and the work of a nurse concerning gathering the medical history of the patient. In practice the total costs are often about EUR 2000. Here is an example of the costs:

- studying of the patient's medical history, research of the clinical trials by the specialist, contacting the clinical trial units, one appointment with the specialist and one appointment with the counselling nurse, EUR 1500
- two telephone conversations with the specialist, a'EUR 120
- 1-3h of counselling nurse work, e.g. requesting for pathology samples delivery and its sending, arranging of laboratory tests, arranging of translations, sending the translated materials, a'EUR 116/hour

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