

Modernisation of hospital departments at the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre - Caen

With the completion of the renovation project on the Centre's 5th floor, the O'ZEN project to modernise hospitalisation floors is making great progress

Caen, 7 December 2020 - After investing a great deal in innovative, high-technology and high performance medical equipment, the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre decided to modernise its hospitalisation departments, in order to satisfy two objectives: to reinforce the quality of the hospitality offered to patients, and to improve working conditions for staff.

As such, the initial phase involved the entire renovation of three departments:

- in 2015 and 2016: the **Outpatient surgery** and **Week surgery** departments (located on the 2nd floor),
- in 2017: the **Oncology Support Care Consultation** department (located on the 4th floor).

Via the **O'ZEN** project; the establishment then embarked on an ambitious modernisation project for its medical inpatient hospitalisation departments.



Without closure, extensive work was undertaken over two years. It enabled two medical hospitalisation departments to be completely refurbished and completed in May 2019 and October 2020. Work to renovate the two floors (4th and 5th) required an investment of **4 million Euros**. The 6th floor now remains to be renovated within the framework of the O'ZEN project.



View the video of completed work: <https://vimeo.com/480302109>

We thank the patrons of the operation, **Anne d'Ornano** and **Jacques Perrin**, the staff at the centre involved in the project, and all the generous **donors** who, through their generosity, have contributed towards funding equipment for these departments to ensure improved comfort for patients and their close circle.

€115,561 were received in the form of donations for the O'ZEN project:

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About the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre

The François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre is one of 18 French cancer centres. A private health institute of public interest (ESPIC) and member of Unicancer, activity at the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre focuses entirely on cancer diagnosis and treatment. The centre also assures a mission of cancer research and education. The François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre cares for around 27,500 patients per year, among whom 7,657 new patients. It employs a staff of 1,000 professionals, including 137 physicians and researchers and hosts around 600 medical and paramedical students every year. The centre boasts a radiotherapy department which is among the 3 most comprehensive of its kind in France and, since July 2018, proposes protontherapy, together with the largest offer of supportive care options in France.

As a stakeholder in public hospital services, the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre applies neither private sector fees nor fee enhancement, but exclusively standard social security fees. A public interest establishment, it may receive donations and legacies, totally exempt from taxation.

The centre was awarded level A certification (the highest level) by the HAS (French National Authority for Health) in October 2019 for a period of six years. It is also the first French centre to have obtained, in April 2020, European EUSOMA certification for its Institut Normand du Sein (INS - Normandy Breast Institute). This label is awarded by the European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists.

The centre is an accredited 'Comprehensive Cancer Centre' by the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) since June 2020.

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Unicancer is also the leading European academic promoter of clinical trials in oncology, with 100 ongoing clinical trials promoted, including around 6,300 patients included, and 57,000 patients listed in the ESME database.

Acknowledged as the French leader in research, the Unicancer network boasts an international reputation via the production of a third of international-scale French publications in oncology (source: Thomson Reuters / bibliometric study). A total of around 800 clinical trials (inclusions or follow-up) were promoted in 2019 by the Unicancer network, over 15% of CLCC patients are included in clinical trials and over half of PHRCs (hospital clinical research programmes) allocated to CLCCs.

Unicancer's 18 CLCCs and R&D management department are certified ISO:2015 for their clinical research.

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