

The François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre rewarded for its commitment in the fight against smoking

Caen, 31 January 2020 - The network of healthcare establishments for the prevention of addictions (RESPADD) recently acknowledged the commitment of the François Baclesse Comprehensive Cancer Centre in its no-smoking healthcare facility (LSST - 'Lieu de Santé Sans Tabac') policy, via a SILVER LEVEL award, following the LSST audit conducted in 2019.

International standards investigate the key elements that are reputed to yield results in the implementation of LSST strategy; the level of performance reached by the establishment was assessed with regard to these standards:



- governance of the no-smoking strategy and establishment commitment,
- communication,
- initial training and continuing education,
- identification, diagnosis and support in smoking cessation,
- no-smoking environment,
- healthy workplace,
- commitment within the community, fight against tobacco consumption,
- monitoring and evaluation of associated action.

The centre is one of 4 French healthcare establishments to be awarded a Silver Level and the first in the region.

The present aim is to reinforce engaged action in order to obtain the 'Gold Level', or even the 'Gold Forum', an international status acknowledging healthcare facilities that have implemented a no-smoking healthcare facility strategy, in accordance with international standards.

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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 27,300 patients per year, among whom 7,345 new patients. It employs over 1,000 professionals, including 137 doctors and researchers.

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.

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