

Accreditation and Designation Programme

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Re-designation letter

Dear Members of the Board of Istituto Nazionale Tumori Regina Elena,

OEI has updated the criteria for designation of cancer centres to a three-tiered framework. This decision follows discussions on how to best support and recognize development of comprehensive cancer care, research and education across Europe and beyond and in countries and regions of various sizes. The updated framework will also show closer alignment with other European accreditation metrics.

As of 1 September 2026, three designation types will apply:

- OEI Cancer Centre
- OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre with Research Excellence

The designation schedule is included in Appendix 1.

All centres currently designated as OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centres will be re-designated as OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centres with Research Excellence. For centres currently designated as OEI Cancer Centres, we have reviewed the data provided in the Quantitative Questionnaire from the most recent audit to determine the appropriate designation type under the revised criteria in Appendix 1. A comprehensive analysis has been performed, but the requirements are: at least 50 international, peer-reviewed publications, 25 interventional trials open for recruitment and 2% of new patients treated within an interventional trial. Our policy is not to re-open any data since the last accreditation, so any re-assessment would take place at the next accreditation.

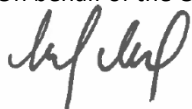
Your centre is currently designated as OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre and will from 1 September 2026 be designated as OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre with Research Excellence.

This re-designation is in respect of the old certificate and can be used by your centre with the appropriate logo with immediate effect.

As your centre is in the re-accreditation process, the OEI A&D certificate remains valid until the re-accreditation process has been completed.

We look forward to continuing our constructive collaboration with your centre within the OEI Accreditation and Designation Programme.

On behalf of the OEI Accreditation and Designation Programme,



Prof. Mef Nilbert, Chair, OEI Accreditation and Designation Board

Appendix 1: designation criteria

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Appendix 1 designation criteria

	Criteria OEI Cancer Centre	Criteria OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre	Criteria OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre with research excellence
Presence of the three treatment facilities surgery oncology, radiotherapy and medical oncology, and research and education ?	Qualitative / quantitative assessment through accreditation	Qualitative / quantitative assessment through accreditation	Qualitative / quantitative assessment through accreditation
Annual budget for cancer care in PPP (1.1.14.2* - between brackets the amount as indicated in the e-tool	≥25 million euro*	≥80 million eur *	≥80 million eur *
Annual budget for cancer research in PPP (1.1.14.3)* - between brackets the amount as indicated in the e-tool		≥2 million euro*	≥8 million euro*
Number of FTE physicians dedicated to cancer (2.3.1)	≥30	≥50	≥80
Number of newly treated cancer patients per year (2.1.1.2)	≥1500	≥2.500	≥2500
Research			
Number of FTE dedicated to cancer research (8.6.1.7)			≥50
Number of international peer reviewed scientific publications (3-year annual average) (8.4.2.2)		≥50	≥125
Number of international peer reviewed scientific publications with an impact factor (IF) over 10 (3-year annual average) (8.4.2.5)			≥17
Number of international peer reviewed scientific publications with 1st, 2nd, last author (or corresponding author) - (3-year annual average) (8.4.2.1)			≥50
Number of trials active - currently open for patient accrual (new definition - Subtotal for Designation (A)) (8.5.1.3)		≥25	≥60
Do these open trials include Phase I trials? (8.5.1.2.1)			Yes
The total number of patients recruited to prospective interventional clinical trials in the index year as ratio of patients newly treated in the centre (8.5.1.8)		≥0.2 : 10	≥1:10
Preliminary designation: OEI Cancer Centre / OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre / OEI Comprehensive Cancer Centre with Research Excellence To be designated as an OEI CCC with Research Excellence the Centre / Institute needs to fulfil all the General Criteria and 5 out of 7 Research Criteria (at least 2 for publications and 2 for trials). The numbers in bold should be fulfilled.			

*Adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) of the Euro according to OEI practices