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- ◆ **The National Oncology Institute** (NOI) was established by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic on 1 August 2018 within the National Oncology Institute in Bratislava.
- ◆ NOI's mission is to serve as a clinical-research, academic and educational platform.
- ◆ The main objective of NOI is to participate comprehensively and independently in the fulfilment of the National Oncology Programme in cooperation with other stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, in 5 defined areas: epidemiology, prevention and screening, diagnostics and treatment, science and research, supportive care.
- ◆ Within **epidemiology**, NOI provides external analysis of data from the National Oncology Registry, production of information outputs and their interpretation in cooperation with the National Health Information Centre (NHIC). The main objective is to evaluate epidemiological trends and thus the possibility of more accurate predictions and analyses of the development of cancer diseases in the future.
- ◆ Within the framework of **prevention and screening**, NOI participates in the coordination of functioning and evaluation of screening programs of selected cancer diseases in accordance with European Union recommendations. The aim of screening programs is primarily to reduce mortality and morbidity and, in certain cases, to reduce the incidence of selected

cancer diseases. By continuously evaluating the effectiveness of the screening program, the short-term and long-term strategy for the further development of the screening programs is determined.

- ◆ In the field of **diagnostics and treatment**, NOI participates in the analysis of needs and updating the concept of cancer care in cooperation with relevant experts.
- ◆ In the field of **science and research**, NOI is continuously updating the Registry of Oncology Clinical Trials in Slovakia. The Registry provides the professional and general public with important information on clinical trials in Slovakia.
- ◆ **The Slovak Cooperative Oncology Group** (SCOG) operates within NOI and is a formal association of professionals cooperating in the implementation of oncology clinical trials sponsored by academic institutions and members of the pharmaceutical industry at the national and international level.
- ◆ NOI also provides the creation and ongoing updating of educational materials for patients and the general public in cooperation with the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and patient organizations.
- ◆ NOI activities and important information for the professional and general public are published and continuously updated on the website: **www.noisk.sk**.