



Country: Hungary

Organization: The National Rare Disease Centre (NRDC) and National Rare Disease Research Coordination Centre

Program/Project: The National Rare Disease Centre (NRDC) was established in 2008 as a part of the National Centre for Healthcare Audit and Inspection (OSZMK). Its members are from the four medical universities with expertise in the field of rare diseases and diagnostic and therapeutic facilities (Budapest, Szeged, Pécs and Debrecen), governmental institutions, and patient organizations. The NRDC also works with the National Rare Disease Research Coordination Centre established in 2009 under the umbrella of OSZMK, National Public Health Institute, and the University of Pecs. The goal of this centre is to coordinate the development of existing and future networking of all centers dealing with diagnosis and treatment of rare inherited diseases.

As a next effort, in 2014 the 4 Medical Universities, and the National Center of Oncology were appointed to create their Excellence Centers; this is still on the way.

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