

PRESS RELEASE

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Geneva University Hospitals and the La Tour Group join forces to provide state-of-the-art oncological services to the entire canton

The Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) and the La Tour Group today signed a collaboration agreement aimed at providing all cancer patients in the canton with the option of being cared for close to their place of residence within a medical system equipped with full technical facilities. They can thus benefit from progress and developments in personalised medicine at both sites. This long-term partnership also makes provision for the participation of the two institutions in Geneva-based clinical research trials.

In order to adapt the range of oncological services to the population in the right bank region of the canton of Geneva, Geneva University Hospitals and the La Tour Hospital are collaborating to provide the entire region with highly specialised oncological care facilities. The oncological units of the two establishments are thus actively participating in the advancement and standardisation of oncological treatments in the canton, as well as in clinical research and training programmes.

Essentially, the partnership makes provision for the implementation of oncological medical administration in both establishments under the management of Prof. Pierre-Yves Dietrich, chief consultant of the oncological unit at HUG. This team will make oncological medical services available on the premises of the La Tour Hospital. In turn, the La Tour Group will offer its oncological medical knowledge under the guidance of Dr Angela Pugliesi-Rinaldi, currently a consultant attached to the oncology services of HUG, who will be joining La Tour Hospital on 1 June 2017. The two teams will share patient care procedures and will jointly view patient files as part of the HUG tumour board system.

La Tour Hospital will provide oncological outpatient and inpatient services, including the admission of patients without additional private health insurance as part of the mandate issued by the State. The current extension of the La Tour Hospital campus will make it possible to increase the range of services offered to cancer patients. The agreement respects the patient's freedom to choose an establishment.

About *tumour boards*

Tumour boards are teams of experts, consisting of specialists in the medical/surgical disciplines associated with the disease, who meet to discuss each clinical case and to propose the most suitable treatment strategy for each patient in accordance with international recommendations. They are also open to general practitioners.

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HUG: care, teaching and state-of-the-art research

Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) is a prestigious university establishment at national and international level, which includes eight public hospitals and two clinics. Their centres of excellence extend to hepatobiliary and pancreatic diseases, cardiovascular diseases, oncology, musculoskeletal system and sports medicine, geriatric medicine, genetic medicine and vaccinology. With their 10,500 employees, HUG treats 60,000 inpatients each year, in addition to dealing with 91,000 emergencies, 990,000 consultations or outpatient treatments and 26,000 surgical interventions. More than 800 doctors, 3,000 trainees and 150 apprentices are being trained here. HUG closely collaborates with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Geneva and OMS on various training and research projects. Partnerships are being formed with the CHUV, l'EPFL, CERN and other stakeholders of the *Health Valley* Lemanic region. The annual budget of HUG amounts to 1.8 billion francs.

More information about HUG may be

- found at: www.hug-ge.ch – presse-hug@hcuge.ch
- Brief activity report and strategic plan for HUG 2015-2020: <http://www.hug-ge.ch/publications-hug>

The La Tour Group

The reputed private healthcare group consists of La Tour Hospital, Carouge Clinic and Meyrin Medical Centre. La Tour Hospital is the only private establishment offering advanced healthcare in French-speaking Switzerland with a 24/7 A&E department, a 10-bed intensive care department, and a renowned Level IIA neonatal department. A pioneer in the use of numerous innovations over the past 40 years and practising over 60 medical specialities, the La Tour Group annually admits 7,000 hospitalised patients, treats 300,000 outpatients - including 40,000 emergencies - carries out 5,800 operations and trains 40 doctors in seven different medical disciplines. It employs 950 people and 350 qualified doctors, offering its patients fully comprehensive care.

La Tour Group establishments are part of the Geneva canton hospital programme and also admit patients without additional private health insurance in certain cases. Outpatient services are available to all those with basic national health insurance (LAMal).