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Project description

The idea behind creating dedicated Clinical Trials Support Centres was to harness the potential of Polish public facilities engaged in clinical trials, create a favourable environment for investigators to initiate non-commercial clinical trials (thus increasing the overall number of clinical trials conducted in Poland), and offer Polish patients better access to innovative technologies. The Signatories to the Agreement – and hence members of the Polish Clinical Trials Network – are 23 Clinical Trials Support Centres.

In 2020 and 2021, the Agency announced two editions of the call for proposals for establishing and developing Clinical Trials Support Centres (CTSCs) and one call for specialised oncology and hemato-oncology CTSCs (OncoCTSCs). The principal areas of funding are:



Hiring highly qualified staff



Purchase of quality and support systems



Adaptation/modernisation of infrastructure



Staff training

As part of the first edition of the call (ABM/2020/3), the Agency earmarked approx. PLN 100 million to subsidise ten specialised facilities across the country.

These were:

- Medical University of Gdansk
- Children's Memorial Health Institute in Warsaw
- National Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation Institute, name of prof. Eleonora Reicher in Warsaw
- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński Institute of Cardiology in Warsaw
- National Oncology Institute of Maria Skłodowska-Curie – National Research Institute (branch in Gliwice)
- Poznań University of Medical Sciences
- Wrocław Medical University
- Medical University of Białystok
- Medical University of Łódź
- Military Medical Institute in Warsaw

In the second edition of the call (ABM/2021/4), funding in the total amount of approx. PLN 50 million was granted to six institutions:

- 4th Military Clinical Hospital in Wrocław
- Central Clinical Hospital of the Ministry of Interior and Administration in Warsaw
- Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin
- Medical University of Silesia in Katowice
- Medical University of Lublin
- University of Opole

In support of the third edition of the call (ABM/2021/6), dedicated to oncology and hemato-oncology CTSCs (OncoCTSCs), the Agency provided approx. PLN 45 million to seven facilities:

- Lower Silesian Oncology Center in Wrocław
- Polish Mother's Memorial Hospital – Research Institute in Łódź
- Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine in Warsaw
- Dr Alfred Sokołowski Specialist Hospital in Wałbrzych
- Pomeranian Hospitals LLC
- Holy Cross Cancer Centre in Kielce
- Voivodeship Multi-Specialist Center for Oncology and Traumatology in Łódź

From among the 23 Beneficiaries of the calls for proposal for Clinical Trials Support Centres, 9 institutions have received funds for early phase clinical research.