



A secure environment for collaboration and knowledge sharing on rare and complex diseases within Cyprus and abroad.

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RARE-e-CONNECT

TELECOLLABORATION
E-LEARNING
ROUND-THE-CLOCK INFORMATION



- **Healthcare Professionals**
- **Patients & Families**
- **Researchers & Competent Bodies**

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PLATFORM

The RARE-e-CONNECT platform is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Republic of Cyprus through the Research and Innovation Foundation to create a secure, friendly and easy to use online environment to source community knowledge on rare or low prevalence diseases.

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote the development of new partnerships and collaborative links for knowledge exchange on rare and complex diseases, nationally and internationally.
2. Support existing collaborations between Cyprus and abroad to maximise benefit.
3. Introduce e-learning and round-the-clock information practices in line with local needs.
4. Research and document the impact of RARE-e-CONNECT telecollaboration for promoting knowledge-building activity on the complex parameters involved in Rare Diseases.



ADDED VALUE

In small countries like Cyprus, the size of the population, geographical constraints and similarly endogenous factors increase the challenges of locating and securing specialised, timely and effective care for both the medical and the patient community.

Telecollaboration and e-learning have been identified as best practices for knowledge sharing and capacity-building beyond physical, temporal and numerical barriers.

RARE-e-CONNECT leverages telecollaboration and e-learning to create opportunities for:

- the development of national expertise in the area of rare diseases.
- the reduction of resource expenditure, especially when patients need to be treated abroad.
- boosting quality care for rare disease patients in Cyprus.



KEY FUNCTIONS

DISEASE SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES

Secure spaces for large-audience discussion on topics of interest to healthcare practice and patient support, for knowledge-building and resource-sharing. Distinct communities dedicated to healthcare professionals and patients, respectively.

VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE TEAMS

Schedule private meetings with colleagues from the same or different disciplines for decision-making support or any other professional purpose. Coordinated multidisciplinary care made easy and practical.

SPECIALIST REPOSITORY

An extensive repository of expert centres, organised by rare disease group and made available to patients and healthcare professionals for treatment or collaboration.

WEBINARS

Online seminars on rare and complex diseases for Healthcare Professionals who can also request webinars on topics of interest.

PATIENT STORIES

Talk about your experiences with disease diagnosis, management or everyday living, and find support in other patients and families. Share knowledge and best practices with others in Cyprus and the world, and aware the public about the rare.