

Dear patient,

during medical treatment, the suspicion of a malignant tumour (cancer), an early stage of a malignant tumour or a benign tumour of the central nervous system was unfortunately confirmed. In this difficult situation, reading documents is particularly hard and for us it is particularly challenging to contact you.

However, we wish to inform you that your attending physicians and all parties involved in the course of treatment (e.g. hospitals, laboratories, etc.) are obliged to report your medical finding to the cancer registry. This obligation on the part of practitioners arises from Section 65c of the Social Code Volume 5 (SGB V) in connection with the "State Treaty between the State of Brandenburg and the State of Berlin on the Maintenance of a Clinical-Epidemiological Cancer Registry according to Section 65c of the Social Code Volume 5 and Section 1 of the Federal Act on Cancer Registry Data" (abbreviated to: State Treaty).

The practitioners will report your data to the cancer registry. This disclosure includes your personal data (first name and surname, previous names, gender, date of birth, address and all health insurance information) and in particular health data regarding your disease (diagnosis, date of diagnosis, type of treatment, etc.).

The purpose of this provision is to improve the quality of oncological care and insights of scientific research. Recording your data may not only improve your treatment but also the treatment of others as well as future cancer patients. The cancer registry may provide your data to the physicians involved in your treatment in order to facilitate better care.

The cancer registry sends your data to the responsible regional cancer registry if your main residence and place of treatment are located in different federal states. The separation of these locations is immaterial only between the states of Brandenburg and Berlin.

Moreover, your health data will be transmitted in anonymised form (such that the data can no longer be associated with your identity) to third parties (e.g. the centre for cancer registry data at the Robert Koch Institute) in order to comply with statutory duties.

The cancer registry shall disclose your health insurance number and your personal data to your health insurer as it reimburses the reporting compensation to the cancer registry, which the reporting physicians in turn receive from the cancer registry for the submission of the data.

You may object to the processing of your data. Your objection would result in the cancer registry storing all your data in a separate file. It is not possible to delete your data as this would mean your objection could not be associated with future disclosures and it would not be possible to restrict processing for this reason. These future disclosures arise, for example, when laboratory examinations are conducted and the laboratories submit a disclosure to the cancer registry because they have no knowledge of your objection. In order to associate these disclosures with your objection, data is reconciled with this separate file in order to restrict the processing of your data. The data on your disease will be processed in anonymised form in the future and thus included in statistics; this data also helps to improve the treatment of others. This data does not allow any conclusions to be made about your personal identity. This restricted right of objection and erasure

is the result of the intention of the federal legislator to gather as much data as possible to improve oncological care.

Apart from data that does not allow any conclusions to be made about your personal identity, your data will be deleted 15 years after your death or no later than 120 years after your birth.

If you do not agree to the complete processing of your data, please submit your objection to:

Klinisch-epidemiologisches Krebsregister Brandenburg-Berlin gGmbH
Potsdamer Straße 182
10783 Berlin
Email: widerspruch@kkrbb.de

Please note that the submission of an objection will prevent your attending physicians from receiving any further information about your data and diseases.

Besides the right of objection, you are entitled to further rights arising from the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In particular, these concern the right of access, rectification or erasure of the processing of personal data within the framework of statutory provisions. Should you have any questions or wish to exercise these rights, please contact our data protection officer:

Tel.: 0355 4939 4993
Email: datenschutz@kkrbb.de

If you wish to lodge a complaint regarding this form of data processing, please contact the responsible supervisory authority:

Die Landesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz und für das Recht auf Akteneinsicht [State
Commissioner for Data Protection and the Right of Access]
Stahnsdorfer Damm 77
14532 Kleinmachnow
Email: Poststelle@LDA.Brandenburg.de

We wish you the strength to get through this time and every success for your treatment.

Your cancer registry