

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET ON THE TUMOUR BOARD

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONSULTATION MEETING

(RÉUNION DE CONCERTATION PLURIDISCIPLINAIRE, RCP)

Madam, Sir,

You have been diagnosed with cancer. Yet, there are different types of cancer, each requiring its specific treatment. In order to offer you the best therapeutic options available adapted to your medical case, and to ensure the quality of treatment and an equal access to healthcare, your doctor offers you a possibility to discuss your medical case with his/her specialist colleagues at the Tumour Board (also known as Multidisciplinary Consultation Meeting, or an RCP).

WHAT IS THE TUMOUR BOARD?

The Tumour Board brings together doctors who are experts in different disciplines who will discuss your medical condition and the treatment options that are available to you. Doctors participating in the Tumour Board are oncologists, surgeons, radiotherapists, pathologists, or organ specialists (depending on the type of cancer).

WHAT WILL THE TUMOUR BOARD DISCUSS?

Your doctor will present your medical case to the Tumour Board. The Tumour Board will evaluate all available information, it will discuss and agree with your doctor the therapeutic options which will be offered to you, and then will prepare a conclusions report. The Tumour Board will recommend the best treatment available in accordance with the latest national and/or international guidelines for cancer treatment.

WHICH INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO HOLD A TUMOUR BOARD MEETING?

The information made available to the members of the Tumour Board includes parts of your medical records and may also include the results of your genetic analyses.

WHAT IS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MY MEDICAL RECORDS DISCUSSED AT THE TUMOUR BOARD?

Protecting the confidentiality of personal information in health-related (healthcare) data is our permanent concern. Your health-related data will be processed according to current data protection laws and regulations.

Every precaution will be taken to preserve a high level of security of your health-related data, and in particular to prevent it from being modified, damaged or accessed by unauthorised third parties.

The medical information about you will only be shared with the members of the Tumour Board and with accompanying caregivers (nurses, secretaries, psychologists ...) who are subject to professional secrecy, and criminal penalty and disciplinary sanctions in case of a disclosure. All information will be shared in a confidential manner, all appropriate organisational measures being taken to respect this confidentiality.

Your health-related information is a matter of your private life and is subject to particular protection. The health-related information contained in your Tumour Board Form and/or in the Idéo-RCP database are shared and accessible only by health professionals taking care of you and by those whom you freely chose.

WHERE ARE THE TUMOUR BOARD MEETINGS HELD?

In most of the cases, the Tumour Board meetings take place at your hospital. In certain cases, for example if you have a rare cancer, your doctor contacts the National Tumour Board, organised by the National Cancer Institute (INC). This National Tumour Board may also include the doctors of the other hospitals, as well as foreign specialists.

MAY I PARTICIPATE IN THE TUMOUR BOARD MEETING?

No, discussions take place between health professionals. Several medical files are usually discussed during the same meeting.

DO I HAVE ACCESS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TUMOUR BOARD?

Yes, because after the discussion of your case, a treatment proposal form is completed (a "Tumour Board Form", or an "RCP Form") in a particular software ("Idéo-RCP", a secure database which is managed by the national platform e-Santé). This Tumour Board Form is linked to your hospital patient records.

Your doctor will present to you the conclusions of the Tumour Board and its treatment recommendations.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TUMOUR BOARD?

Your doctor explains the recommendations made by the Tumour Board. You are free to accept or to reject these recommendations. Please do not hesitate to raise your questions before deciding (on how to proceed) together with your doctor.

MAY I REFUSE TO HAVE MY FILE PRESENTED AT THE TUMOUR BOARD?

Yes, you may refuse to have your file (your medical case) discussed by the Tumour Board. In such case, you will be asked to complete and sign a dissent form available from your doctor.