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PASYKAF demystifies smoking during the European Week against Cancer

To mark the 'European Week against Cancer' the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) will engage in a campaign with the following various activities connected to demystifying smoking and raising awareness about cancer prevention as well as providing support and care to patients and survivors.

Press Conference:

In order to draw media attention, PASYKAF will hold a press conference on May 28, in Nicosia where the President of the Association, Dr Anna Achilleoudi and members of the Scientific Committee of PASYKAF will stress on the importance of a smoke free environment by presenting hard facts and consequences due to smoking.

PASYKAF Urological Cancer Working Group:

Dr Achilleoudi will announce the inception of a Urological Cancer Working Group by PASYKAF within the framework of the Bladder Cancer Awareness Month. The group aims to detect and to satisfy the needs of urological cancer patients and survivors.

Laryngectomees' Cancer Working Group:

PASYKAF Patients' Rights Advocate will report on the progress and action taken by the Laryngectomees Cancer Working Group that was established by PASYKAF in 2018. Aiming at offering excellent care to patients and survivors with laryngectomy, the Association is investing in training and expertise enrichment of its doctors, nurses and physiotherapists.

In order to further support patients who have undergone laryngectomy PASYKAF may collaborate with the Cyprus University of Technology to provide the students of the Rehabilitation and logotherapy department with knowledge and insight about patients' issues. At the same time PASYKAF is working on the integration of the Laryngeal and Tracheostomy Care Course into the syllabus of the Cyprus Nursing School.

Free examination of the larynx:

With reference to prevention, following last year's success, PASYKAF will continue the provision of the examination of the larynx for free, during the campaign.

Awareness:

Last but not least awareness of the European Code against Cancer will be generated with the participation of PASYKAF representatives on TV and radio shows focusing on healthy lifestyles and screening.

In addition, press releases will follow the press conference promoting the 12 point European Code against cancer.