

Germany creates National League of Action for Patients with Rare Diseases

On 8 March 2010 the German federal Ministries of Health and Research released a common statement marking the starting point of the National League of Action for Patients with Rare Diseases. Minister of Health Philipp Rösler said the objective of the new Rare Diseases League is to improve the situation of rare diseases patients significantly. The league will work, taking due account of the Council Recommendation of 9 June 2009 on action in the field of rare diseases, on a national action plan to fight rare diseases. It will also bundle existing initiatives for specific rare diseases.

Secretary of State Dr. Braun stated moreover that the new league brings together patients, medical doctors, health insurers and scientific researchers from biotech and pharmaceutical industries to work with joint forces on the development of new therapies for rare diseases.

Germany counts for approximately 4 million out of EU wide 30 million patients suffering from a rare disease.

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