



"Patients' rights are rights of all of us! "The Patients' Voice" Project presents us with an opportunity for our voices to become an effective means of change within the health care system. The necessity of a strong cooperation and a powerful dialogue between the stakeholders in our community to facilitate the understanding of the patients' rights, demanding of the rights, the reasoning of the health legal framework, the development of the application of these rights within the health administration are all included

within the report prepared at the Workshop organised by the Health administration in the Turkish Cypriot community. We invite all stakeholders to cooperate and collaborate in order to create the necessary change in this direction."

Emete Imge Universal Patient Rights Association President





"The Active Citizenship Network (ACN) in partnership with civic societies and patient organizations are committed to strengthening the protection of patients' rights in the European framework. At the same time, ACN strongly believes that empowered patients and their organisations are cost effective resources and not a financial burden and for this reason we have well accepted to cooperate with the Universal Patient Rights Association in the framework of the EU Patients' Voice Project."

Mariano Votta Director of the Active Citizenship Network (ACN), A Network of European Civic Organizations



Who we are?

Universal Patient Rights Association was established in 2002 in the northern part of Cyprus. Our vision has always been to strive towards the development and the creation of a safe patient care environment at an optimal level of quality under the accepted and recognised international quality standards. Our key objectives include informing and empowering patients of the universal patients' rights and to act as a spearhead in ensuring that these rights are embedded within the health care provision in the northern part of Cyprus.

Patients' Voice

PATIENTS' VOICE Project started in March 2016. It is funded by the European Union to help promote and advocate for patients' rights in the northern part of Cyprus. The Project has been formed as a partnership project between the Universal Patient Rights Association (UPRA-Turkish Cypriot community) and the Active Citizenship Network (ACN - Italy) (representing civil society and health organisations from 30 European countries). The Project is guided by a Steering Committee made up of the Project stakeholder representatives which meets every month.

Project Aims

- 1. Integrity and dignity of patients are strengthened in compliance with fundamental human rights
- 2. The quality of life of patients in the Turkish Cypriot community is enhanced
- 3. Patients' rights violations in the Turkish Cypriot community is decreased

Activities foreseen under the Patients' Voice project include:

- Health needs assessment within the Turkish Cypriot community,
- Trainings related to patients rights issues such as Informed Consent, Confidentiality and Privacy, Right to Access Health Services, etc. for patients' advocates, professionals and employees in healthcare and health sector organizations,
- Advocacy and civic participation trainings for health groups and activists,
- Campaigning for a patient-centred care system and raising awareness about the rights of patients,
- International conference on patients rights with expertise from EU Member States and other countries.

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Right to Preventive Measures

Right to Observance of Quality Standards

Right to Access

Right to Security

Right to Information

Right to Innovation

Right to Consent

Right to Avoid Unnecessary Suffering and Pain

Right to Free Choice

Right to Personalized Treatment

Right to Privacy and Confidentiality

Right to Complain

Right to Respect of Patients' Time

Right to Compensation



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