

MNI STATEMENT

MNI welcomes the European Parliament Resolution on strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer including nutritional care in the integrated approach

Brussels, 17 February 2022 – The European Parliament just adopted, by a vast majority, a Resolution on the Report “Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer” developed by the Parliament Special Committee for Beating Cancer (BECA).

The Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI) welcomes this Resolution and congratulates the BECA Committee, Rapporteur Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, and the whole European Parliament for this important milestone, as basis to effectively decrease the number of cancer cases, decrease the number of deaths, and improve the quality of life of cancer patients.

As part of the European Parliament's response within the framework of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, this Report states that the results of cancer treatment can be hindered by malnutrition, and therefore it:

- Calls on the EU Member States to develop recommendations for incorporating clinical nutrition into all aspects of cancer care, including treatment, support and research;
- Calls for the development of multidisciplinary teams and considers that, wherever indicated, cancer patients must be provided with clinical nutritional support by a dietitian;
- Welcomes the planned inter-speciality training on nutrition support;
- Calls on the European Commission and the EU Member States to develop minimum standards for continuous training on nutritional care for the multidisciplinary workforce;
- Recommends that nutritional support be included in the cancer patients' Charter of Rights;
- Encourages EU Member States to consider making nutrition counselling available in primary healthcare;
- Highlights that optimal nutritional care is an essential part of cancer care;
- Recommends that nutrition management be an integral and ethical part of all clinical research involving cancer patients.

By implementing these recommendations, the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan can establish nutritional support as part of optimal cancer care – leading to fewer complications, improved use of healthcare resources, and better outcomes for cancer patients.

About MNI

The Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI) is the voice of the medical nutrition industry at international level. MNI gathers companies that offer specialised nutritional solutions and services designed to meet the diverse nutritional needs of patients. We strive to put nutrition at the heart of patient care, and we aim at an environment that provides fair access to nutritional care throughout the world. MNI is dedicated to advancing better care through better nutrition, across all ages and healthcare settings. For more information please visit: www.medicalnutritionindustry.com