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FINNISH GIST AND SARCOMA PATIENT NETWORKS

ASSOCIATION OF CANCER PATIENTS IN FINLAND

The networks for people living with sarcomas and GIST and their loved ones are hosted by the **Association of Cancer Patients in Finland**. The association aims at safeguarding the best possible support for cancer patients and their loved ones during treatment and rehabilitation.

WHAT WE DO

- Peer support in Facebook groups
  - 550 members in the sarcoma network
  - 140 members in the GIST network

- We bring the patient voice into the discussions through participation for example in
  - the Finnish Network for Rare Diseases
  - Cancer Strategy working groups
  - national HTA processes
  - the Cancer Research Flagship iCAN (ican.fi)

RARE CANCERS IN THE FIRST FINNISH NATIONAL CANCER STRATEGY FOR 2026-2035

The overall aim is to **improve patient equality and quality of life**. **Cancer prevention** and **the reduction of cancer mortality** are also central objectives.

Rare cancers in focus

- Improve early detection and visibility of rare and childhood cancers.
- Research participation: By 2035, at least 10% of cancer patients will participate in clinical interventional trials, across all cancer types, including rare and paediatric cancers.
- Individualised treatment: Ensure medically justified, personalised treatment solutions for patients with rare cancers and cancer types.

fican.fi/en/what-we-do/national-cancer-strategy/

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