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PROMOTION OF NURSING PROFESSION - CIVIL SOCIETY

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Introduction: Civil society is the "aggregate of non-governmental organizations and institutions that manifest interests and will of citizens".[1] Even non-political organizations in civil society are vital for democracy. This is because they build social capital, trust and shared values, which are transferred into the political sphere and help to hold society together, facilitating an understanding of the interconnectedness of society and interests within it.[2]

Aims: Association for support of patients with lung cancer and other lung diseases "Jedra" was founded in 2008 on the initiative of lung cancer patients. The aim for founding the NGO was: joint action of all social spheres in the fight against cancer, raising the awareness of the problems of cancer in the general public, the importance of the early diagnosis, availability of more recent treatment options and encourage state institutions to adopt a National Program for the fight against cancer.

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Results: From the beginning the Association "Jedra" has launched numerous campaigns, press conferences and petitions. Initiated or participated in numerous initiatives. And was recognized and supported from the side of the media and the public. Recognized and acknowledged by other European associations of patients and professional experts. Invited to many associations to participate as an active participant and as a member.

Conclusion: Nurses have played the most important role in the Association "Jedra", they have launched and initiated numerous campaigns and successfully merged the support of professional experts in activities for patients' rights. This is an area where nurses can be independent and successfully carry out the activities which can contribute to the development of the nursing profession and have an impact on all social spheres.

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