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Best practice: Pandemic Grant Program of Novartis to Support Non-Covid Healthcare for Patients in Slovakia

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COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020

- Quick spreading of not fully known disease resulted in temporary lockdowns and restricted access to services
- Overloaded healthcare focusing on covid and postponing non lifethreatening procedures
- Loss of incomes households, businesses and NGOs
- Best practice that could address all of three challenges above

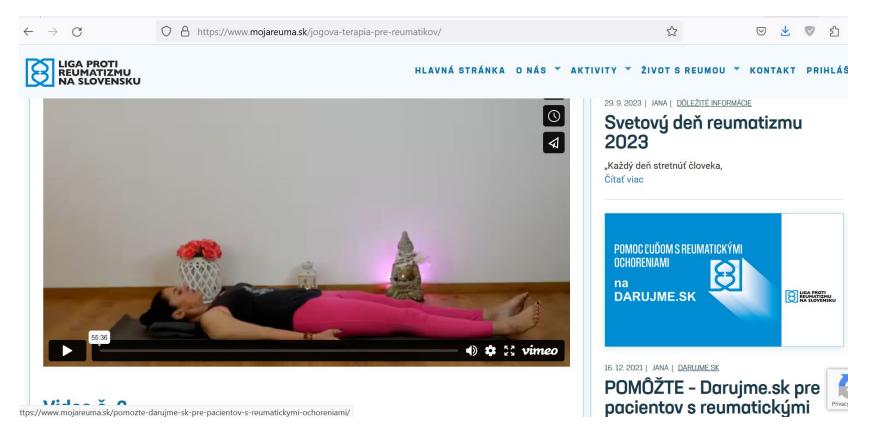
Small Grant Program of Novartis for regional health-safe initiaves

- Budget approx. 14.000 eur
- 4 projects of 3 organizations funded
- Impact on a national scale
- Objective: maintain public services (for disadvantaged groups) while still obeying pandemic regulations

League against rheumatism, Piešťany

- Two projects funded
- Core activities: preserving the physical and mental health of rheumatic patients via direct meetings and trainings
- Physical exercises and in-person meetings
- About 1500 clients, 15 branches + 5 associates
- Project 1: recording 5 connecting videos of exercises and a tutorial of a special yoga therapy for patients with rheumatism led by a recognized expert (budget approx. 5000 eur)
- Project 2: online meetings with psychologists for rheumatic patients (budget approx. 3000 eur)

Project 1: Online yoga courses



• https://www.mojareuma.sk/jogova-terapia-pre-reumatikov/

Project 2: On-line psychologic assistance



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Oznámenie o ZMENE a inovovaní služieb v CS-PP

Kancelária Ligy proti reumatizmu SR dočasne obmedzila stránkové hodiny a osobný kontakt v NÚRCH-u. Prechádzame na HOME OFFICE. Kontaktujte nás na e-mail: <u>liga@mojareuma.sk</u> alebo na mobil: 0917 790 264.

Poradňa CS-PP je vám k dispozícii každý deň na nižšie uvedených kontaktoch.

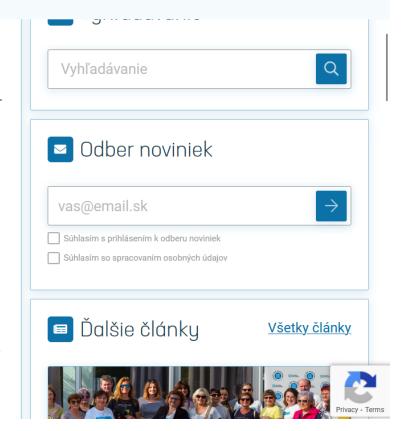
Poradňa Centra sociálno-psychologickej podpory sídli v NÚRCH-u a jej prevádzku a služby zabezpečuje pre pacientov NÚRCH-u a členov Liga proti reumatizmu SR. **Do ponuky služieb poradne CS-PP sme pridali on-line telefonickú a mailovú poradňu** (viď plagátik).

NOVINKOU je už spomínaná online poradňa základného sociálneho poradenstva cez mailovú komunikáciu: cspp@mojareuma.sk.

Po prekonaní karantény bude Liga poskytovať základné sociálne poradenstvo v NÚRCH-u. Nájdete nás v kancelárii Ligy na prízemí budovy, na chodbe, kde sú odbery (okienko do vestibulu). Záujemcovia sa môžu objednať na t.č., informácie na mieste poskytne sociálna pracovníčka.

Veríme, že zavedením noviniek prispejeme o ďalší kúsok k lepšej informovanosti pacientov a pomôžeme riešiť vaše problémy v sociálnej oblasti.

Ďakujeme Vám za priazeň.



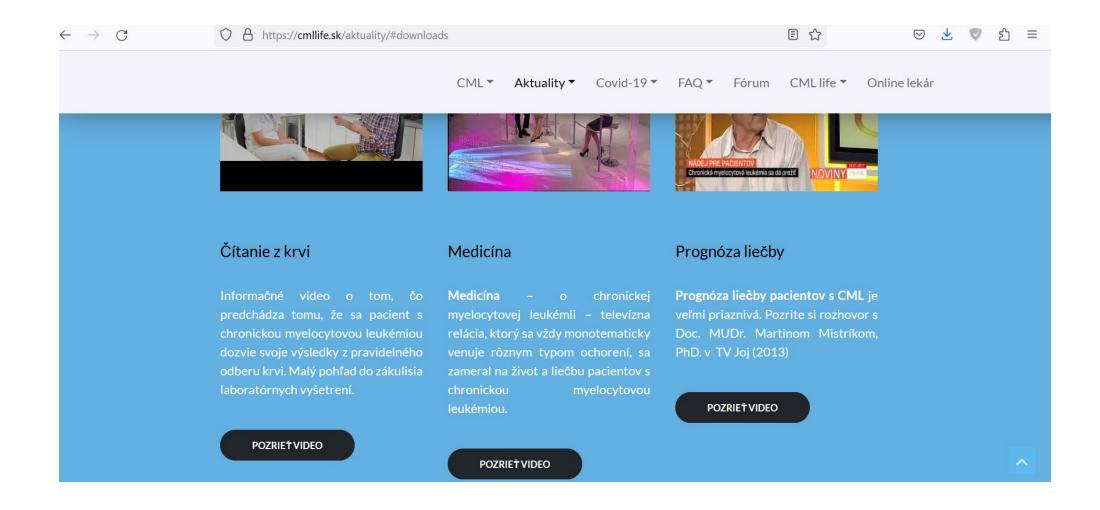
Project 3: Awareness-raising website for CML disease

- Patient organization of CML, about 100 members
- Effective cure exists but lack of information
- Website developed with comprehensive positive information on the disease, guidance, education, online consultation, covid-section
- https://cmllife.sk/

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CML website



Project 4: Redesigning social rehabilitation services for people with weak eyesight

- Union of people with weak eyesight
- Sum of grant 2300 eur
- Equipped 3 regional centers covering 12 districts with modern technology to provide social rehabilitation during covid
- Most activities transferred to online form (Braille font education, computer literacy for clients, patient support, etc.) – not applicable for spatial orientation (use of white cane), self-support (assistance in real physical environment)
- Service given to about 300 clients in 2020 within this project (altogether cca. 1700 clients)

Computer literacy course for clients



Why best practice?

- Results are not always about the numbers
- "To be or not to be"
- All projects brought in a new dimension into their services
- Services more accessible
- Cross-sectoral cooperation
- Small input substantial outcome profound impact
- Result resilience in providing quality health services during the pandemic to non-covid patients