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Information summary

The Center for Population, Demography and Healthcare Research and Analysis of the EEU Institute* was established in 2012 with the purpose of highlighting the issues related to citizens' life quality in the Russian Federation and the Eurasian Economic Union member countries – first of all such aspects as demography, health protection and government support for motherhood and childhood.

The Center informs federal and regional authorities of the results of its work through official letters, analytical reports as well as guidelines and practical projects aimed at solving the problems and implementing innovations.

In 2012-2016 the Center launched activities aimed at **addressing the challenges of the healthcare system in the Russian Federation:**

- **“Achieving positive dynamics in reducing mortality associated with blood circulatory system diseases in the RF”**: two district meetings were initiated and held, supported by plenipotentiary offices of the RF President in federal districts; a visiting educational seminar titled “Implementing and Developing Health Technology Assessment Methods. Pharmacoeconomic Aspects of Stroke Prevention” was initiated and held in partnership with NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, UK)

- **“Implementing innovative approaches to demography policy improvement”**: a district meeting was initiated and held, supported by the plenipotentiary office of the RF President in the Central Federal District and the Governor of the Yaroslavl Region; working meetings with representatives of governments and ministries of RF regions; participation as an observer in the discussion of the draft model law “On Protection of Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Health of Citizens” at the meeting of the IPA CIS Permanent Committee for Social Policy and Human Rights; a speech titled “Women’s Health Quality as Demographic Potential” given at the Birthrate, Family, Motherhood, Fatherhood and Childhood Support expert session of the Demographic Development of the Russian Far East All-Russian Conference; participation in the international research and practice seminar titled “Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development in the CIS Countries”

- **“Improving the quality of medical care for patients with diabetes mellitus”**: an interregional educational program was initiated and implemented
- **“Early diagnostics and treatment of viral hepatitis”**: a round table meeting titled “Viral Hepatitis: Various Countries – Same Problem” with international participation (CIS countries) was initiated and held in partnership with the M. Chumakov Institute for Poliomyelitis and Viral Encephalitis of the RAMS and the Russian Research and Practice Society of Epidemiologists, Microbiologists and Parasitologists; a study of clinical experience of using Peginterferon alfa-2b for type C hepatitis was initiated and conducted in partnership with experts of the A. Yevdokimov Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry of the Russian Ministry of Public Healthcare, followed by dispatch of the results of the analysis to RF regional experts; training seminars for journalists of specialized and sociopolitical mass media were initiated and held
- **“Availability of medical care and drug supply for patients with rare diseases in RF regions”**: two structured studies supported by the National Board of Experts for Rare Diseases were conducted; a Russia-wide study of availability of government guarantees for children with orphan diseases not included in public reimbursement programs and federal and regional lists was conducted; eight district meetings supported by plenipotentiary offices of the RF President in federal districts were initiated and held; round table meetings on the subject were initiated under the auspices of the Social Platform of the United Russia political party and at the State Duma Committee for Health Protection; an extended session of the State Duma Committee for the Affairs of Family, Women and Children was initiated; the monitoring of regulatory and financial support for medical care for patients with orphan diseases within the RF territory has been launched and the consulting on practical instruments of regional law-making and possibilities of inter-budget relations between regions and the federal center is being provided to regional healthcare administrators; following the medico-social study titled “Availability of Medical Care and Drug Supply for Patients with Rare Diseases in the Russian Federation in 2013-2015” a series of meetings was held with representatives of federal agencies and executive authorities: the RF Ministry of Public Healthcare, the Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare (Roszdravnadzor), the RF Ministry of Finance, the RF Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Federal Compulsory Medical Insurance Fund; training seminars for journalists of specialized and sociopolitical mass media were held; the Center became a co-organizer of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th All-Russia Colloquium on the Issues of Medical Care for Patients with Rare Diseases Caused by Uncontrolled Complement Activation; a round table meeting titled “Availability of Medical Care and Drug Supply for Patients with Rare Diseases in the Eurasian Economic Union Countries” as part of partnership in the Second Practical Conference titled “Launch of Drugs in the Russian and CIS Markets. Ensuring Efficient Market Development within the Customs Union and the Common Economic Area”

The Head of the Center has made **expert reports and statements on the issues of:**

“The role of expert institutes in developing pharmaceutical market integration within the Eurasian area”

Speech at the 2nd Kazakhstan Pharmaceutical Forum

“Regulatory and financial support for medical care and drug supply for RF citizens with rare diseases”

Presentation at the *Parlamentskaya Gazeta's* video conference (June 2014, Moscow); report at the “Orphan Drugs: Regulation, Funds, Availability – International Experience and Local Practice” expert session (September 2014, Moscow); report at the meeting of the field-specific committee of chief non-staff experts of the Russian Ministry of Public Healthcare on medical genetics (October 2014, Moscow); speech at the round table meeting of the State Duma Committee for Health Protection titled “Complex Approach to Availability of Medical Care and Social Support for Patients with Rare Diseases in Russia” (December 2014, Moscow); report at the public meeting of the Council for Patients’ Rights Protection devoted to the Day of Rare Diseases (February 2015, Moscow); speech in the RF Public Chamber at the Forum of Patients with Rare Diseases (February 2015, Moscow); speech at the Conference titled “‘Rare but Equal’. Developing Social Support for Patients with Rare and Genetic Diseases and Their Families in the Arkhangelsk Region” supported by the Government of the Arkhangelsk Region (April 2015, Arkhangelsk); speech at the Conference titled “‘Rare but Equal’. Developing Social Support for Patients with Rare and Genetic Diseases and Their Families in the Republic of Crimea” (June 2015, Yevpatoriya)

“Availability of medical care and drug supply for patients with rare diseases in RF regions in 2013-2015”

Speech at the II “Right to Drug” Russian Congress (November 2015, Moscow); report at the interregional research and practice conference titled “Topical Issues of Pharmacotherapy for Benefit-Entitled Citizens: Focus on Efficiency and Safety in Treating Rare Diseases” (February 2016, Moscow); speech at the Ministry of Public Healthcare of the Russian Federation at the public session of the Council of Public Organizations for Patients’ Rights Protection devoted to the International Day of Rare Diseases (February 2016, Moscow); speech at the round table meeting devoted to the 9th International Day of Rare Diseases arranged by the Association of Organizations for Patients with Rare Diseases – “Genetika” (February 2016, Moscow); report at the round table meeting of the Committee for Health Protection, Labour and Social Policy of the Moscow Regional Duma titled “Implementation of Rights of Citizens with Rare (Orphan) Diseases to Free Medical Care under the Government Guarantee Program: Problems and Prospects of Law Enforcement Practice” (April 2016, Moscow); report at the Extended Research and Practice Expert Board for Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura Treatment (April 2016, Moscow)

Membership of the Head of the Center in working groups

- “On the ‘Health of Peoples of the Commonwealth of Independent States’ strategy“. Working group developing an intergovernmental document
- “On organizational, legal and economic issues of medical care for patients with rare diseases“. Working group at the State Duma Committee for Health Protection, the Sub-Committee for Healthcare Improvement

Memorandums of cooperation and joint actions with the National Association of Infection Control Specialists related to medical care and the “Pharmaceutical Innovations” InPharma Association

Participation in international visits

- “Medical Technologies. Medicine of the Future” business mission to Washington D.C. arranged by the Ministry of Economic Development and supported by the Trade Representative Agency of the Russian Federation in the USA. A number of meetings with representatives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institute of Health, the U.S. Pharmacopeia, the George Mason University, and the Children's National Medical Center were held.

- Russian epidemiologists’ visit to the Republic of Korea. Meetings in the Ulsan and Busan Universities were held.