

RESPONSE FROM ASSANDCA

Saravia celebrates the arrival of a new oncologist in the country, but with doubts

The leader of Assandca stresses that coming to the Principality twice a week is «insufficient»



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General view of the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell Hospital.

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«A moment of transition». This is how the president of the Andorran Association Against Cancer (Assandca), Josep Saravia, defines today the incorporation of an oncologist Josep Sabaté to the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell Hospital, news that we learned about just this morning in May. The specialist will be responsible for treating breast cancer cases in our country twice a week, just as the breast

pathology surgeon, Martín Espinosa, has been doing since last January. «They are restructuring the entry of this new expert and Dr. Espinosa has already begun to undertake the first operations,» the head of Assandca told EL PERIÒDIC about the current evolution of breast treatment.

Another point of understanding, expressed sincerely and celebrated by the head of the entity, is that «theoretically» Assandca's relationship with the Andorran Primary Care Service

(SAAS) has improved, thus revealing that greater collaboration has been carried out between both services and that there is a «vote of confidence» on the part of the association with its leaders.

The entry of Dr. Sabaté «covers all the specialties» that Dr. Espinosa does not have, since he is only a surgeon, recalls Saravia, but that the disadvantage is in his availability because «when there are cases to be treated during a public holiday or vacation, we do not have them because they are not there.»

An «empty space» for which the president of Assandca only sees one possible remedy: incorporating more oncologists from the country, despite warning of its difficulty. «If we want to provide a better service, they should be from Andorra or, at least, have their residence here,» said the spokesperson for the entity, who criticized that going to the country twice a week is «completely insufficient, since cancer patients do not have time to wait» and that in this way «there is a very significant workload for other doctors.»

Finally, and reviewing the state of technological advances against breast cancer, the leader believes that the fact that they can now be operated on in the Principality «is a very relevant advance, don't misunderstand me, but we still have a long way to go until we have an optimal situation for patients.» ●

Medical oncology specialist Josep Sabaté will visit two days a week

►► Doctor Josep Sabaté, a specialist in medical oncology, will take breast cancer cases to the oncology unit of the Nostra Senyora de Meritxell Hospital and will visit External Consultations for two days a week. It should be remembered that his incorporation comes after that of Martín Espinosa, a breast pathology surgeon.

LOCAL TRADE

The municipalities will promote a portal to facilitate generational succession

The corporations are looking to launch a project similar to that of 'Reempresa', located in Catalonia

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Promoting a portal to promote generational succession in small businesses is the proposal highlighted by the municipalities, as announced by the consuls general of La Massana and Ordino, Eva Sansa and Maria del Mar Coma, after the meeting of consuls held this Tuesday morning in Ordino.

This is a project proposed by the capital's entity that aims to support generational change in businesses that will close in the short term, due to early retirement, and so that there are no empty premises left within the commercial fabric. Therefore, work will begin soon, in principle this month, between the Chamber of Commerce and Andorra Business, with the support of technicians from each municipal corporation, to launch a portal similar to that of Reempresa, a marketplace for buying and selling small and medium-sized businesses in Catalonia.



A moment from the meeting of consuls held this Tuesday in the Ordino Municipality.

«There is a concern for long-standing businesses, in which at one point or another they have to retire and they don't know how to transfer it. Sometimes closing one of these businesses can be a big deal, and what we want is to make management much easier,» commented Sansa, pointing out that the case of Reempresa «maybe would be the example to follow.» Before publishing an advertisement on the aforementioned portal, however, Andorra Business will hire a series of professionals to advise businesses with a financial study to la-

ter make the decision to transfer the premises, or the business itself, or to close permanently.

The platform will also offer detailed information on available businesses, and aims to function as a meeting point between businesses that want to transfer their activity and new entrepreneurs looking to establish themselves. Each corporation will designate a technician to participate in the development and design of the project, in coordination with the Chamber and Andorra Business, to adapt the initiative to the reality of each

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CONSUL MAYOR OF LA MASSANA

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parish. There is currently no timetable, although Coma has indicated that work is being done to know the «times and know what budget should be allocated». A budget that each corporation will contribute based on its volume of trade. In this sense, the Ordino mayor has explained that the advice will not be completely free for businesses, but that each will make a contribution and the rest will be borne by the trader. ●

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