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# SACYR FOUNDATION AND FUNDAZ PAIXENA FOUNDATION SIGN AGREEMENT TO WORK IN PALLIATIVE CARE

- **The partnership will create a palliative care institute in Zaragoza, with a care home unit and a specialized home.**

**Zaragoza, December 21, 2023.-** Yesterday, **Pedro Alonso**, Executive director of the Sacyr Foundation, and **Beatriz García**, Second Vice-president of FUNDAZ Paixena, signed a collaboration agreement to promote training, assistance, and research in palliative care.

The goal of this agreement is to support the creation of the **FUNDAZ Paixena Palliative Medicine Institute in Zaragoza**. This institution will collaborate with the Health Authorities of the local Gobierno de Aragón, and other organizations to provide better healthcare assistance and care for advanced or terminal diagnosis patients and their families.

The healthcare assistance area will create an at-home care unit with a palliative care at-home care group, who will assist terminal patients under medical supervision.

As part of the social and healthcare area, a social work and healthcare assistance center will be established under the name Casa de Cuidados FUNDAZ Paixena (CCFP). This center will provide care to children and young people with chronic or advanced diseases, allowing them to receive the necessary care in an environment as close as possible to a home. Additionally, patients' parents will have the opportunity to acquire skills for home care. The center will also cater to adults affected by complex chronic diseases requiring ongoing palliative care.



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A Pediatric Palliative Care Day Center and a Residential Center will be established within the same facility for the same purpose. The Residential Center will also include a Unit for adults affected by complex chronic diseases that require ongoing palliative care.

The home palliative care team is comprised of a doctor and a nurse and will have capacity for 25 patients. The Care Home, once built and operational, will also serve 25 patients in the Pediatric Day Center and 50 in the Residential Center.

The institute and at-home care unit are expected to be complete in late 2023 and launched in early 2024.

### **About the Sacyr Foundation**

The [Sacyr Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization created by Sacyr S.A. to bring forth its social commitment, promote health and well-being, and support the development of individuals in the social and labor spheres. Additionally, it is committed to the environment, biodiversity, and fostering innovation. Its purpose includes promoting Human Rights, encouraging respect for all people, and cooperating in the development of disadvantaged regions or groups. The Foundation focuses on social and health assistance, support for volunteer work, promotion of social action, and care for individuals at risk of social exclusion. It emphasizes environmental protection, awareness, education, and research.

### **About the Fundaz Paixena Foundation**

The Augustina Zaragoza Assistance Foundation - FUNDAZ - was founded in 2008 by a group of individuals concerned with the care and integration of the most disadvantaged groups, emphasizing the importance of public-private collaboration to meet the growing needs of Aragonese society in these areas. Since its inception, FUNDAZ has worked for the elderly, people with functional diversity, and other disadvantaged groups. In the last

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two years, it has taken a step further to work in the field of palliative care for incurable diseases, especially in pediatric treatments.

FUNDAZ is part of the board of the FUNDAZ Paixena Foundation, an assistance-oriented entity focused on promoting excellence in palliative care. It bases its work areas on training, dissemination, and research in this field, with special attention to pediatric care.

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