A new EP/EMG device donated to the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče by PBZ

The device, worth more than HRK 240,000, enables neuro-physiological measuring of the electric activity of the brain and recording of practically all evoked potentials.

Zagreb, 11th June 2014 – A formal handover of the donation of Privredna banka Zagreb (PBZ) was held at the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče; PBZ provided all the necessary funds for the purchase of a new digital device for evoked potentials and electroneurography (EP/EMG device).

Present at the donation ceremony were:

- Milan Bandić, Mayor of the City of Zagreb
- Prof. Dr. Vlado Jukić, Director of the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče
- Božo Prka, President of the Management Board of Privredna banka Zagreb
- Prim. Dr. sc. Danilo Hodoba, Head of the Department for Psychophysiology and Organically Conditioned Mental Disorders

The donated device entails the most sophisticated technical equipment, is fully computerised, and enables recording of practically any evoked potentials such as: visual evoked potentials; auditory evoked potentials of the brain stem; somatosensory evoked potentials; and cognitive evoked potentials. Apart from this, the device is also ideal for high quality registration of electromyography, of a motoric and sensory speed of nerve conduction and reflexological analyses. The value of the donated device for evoked potentials and the appertaining automatic steriliser is over HRK 240,000.

The importance of this donation is clear if one knows that the device for evoked potentials which the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče has been using so far is completely outdated and worn out; only two of its reading functions were operational. Therefore, this donation from PBZ will significantly contribute to the quality of work and promotion of care for the patients who need the device in their diagnostics. The Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče is the largest and most significant psychiatric institution in Croatia with around 750 employees. The hospital has over 800 beds allocated into 11 hospital departments, i.e. clinical departments and institutions. Apart from that, there are also two outpatient clinics and an ambulance (polyclinic) service. In addition, this is the oldest psychiatric hospital in Croatia, with a history and tradition of 130 years; so far more than 150,000 patients have been treated there. The Hospital has treated, and continues to treat, the most severe and most complicated psychiatric cases from all over Croatia, whose treatment has always been in line with the current developments of the psychiatric profession.

“To be socially responsible is a basic principle of business of the entire PBZ Group and we always respond when it comes to assisting those who are in greatest need of help. We have recognised the need of the Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče for the new device for evoked potentials and it is our pleasure to help and thus contribute to the promotion of health care for our fellow citizens and generally to the improvement of the quality of life of the local community. In the past years we have been particularly oriented towards the health and social welfare sector having donated the necessary equipment and devices to various institutions and hospitals in Croatia. In the past two years PBZ has donated funds in the total amount of over HRK 30 million supporting numerous charity projects, associations, institutions, and individuals.”

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