
First National Conference of „UroConti” Association

The 20th of June 2011, Ministry of Health, Miodowa 15 street, Warsaw, Poland.

The main focus of the conference was to draw attention to the needs of patients that suffer from urinary incontinence; their problems with access to new methods of urinary incontinence treatment, reimbursement for absorbent products and introducing the system of long-term care in Poland and Europe. The conference was a great opportunity to present postulates of the “UroConti” Association and to show the position of Government regarding the above issues.

The information about the conference appeared in the Polish national television *TVP2* in popular program “Pytanie na Śniadanie” (eng. “Question for Breakfast”, program watched more than 0,5 mln viewers), Informational Radio Agency as well as medical information portals.

More than 200 people arrived at the Ministry of Health (representatives of: Ministry of Health, WFIP and Eurocarers, 8 regional branches of “UroConto” Association, other patient’s organizations, media) to participate in discussions concerning the access to provisions with medical auxiliary devices for patients suffering from urinary continence in Poland as well as Europe, the treatment of urinary incontinence, reimbursement of medicine as well as neuromodulation therapy.

The conference has increased the awareness of the Ministry of Health representatives in regards to the situation of people suffering from urinary incontinence in Poland and together with the Ministry of Health it has been announced that for the first time in 12 years there would be changes implemented to the supply of the absorbent products to improve the status quo of people suffering from urinary incontinence in Poland. As a result the Ministry of Health established a team of experts that was responsible for preparation of changes to the legislation regarding supply system of medical products including auxiliary devices. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health announced that there would be changes to the accessibility of urinary incontinence treatment, wider access to modern therapy (neuromodulation) and pharmacotherapy (one more medication for overactive bladder had been placed on the list of refunded medications presented for public consultation).