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Česká Aliance pro  
Kardiovaskulární Onemocnění

The Czech Alliance for Cardiovascular Diseases (ČAKO), which brings together patients with heart and vascular conditions as well as individuals at risk of these diseases, is pleased to endorse the project *OSIRIS trial: Out-of-Hospital Refractory Cardiac Arrest Treated with Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation*. We consider this initiative highly valuable and potentially impactful for patients and their families.

We support this project because it addresses a critical unmet need in the management of out-of-hospital refractory cardiac arrest, with the potential to improve both survival and long-term quality of life for affected patients.

From the perspective of a patient organization, we identify three key pillars in the care of critically ill patients and resuscitation that this project systematically addresses:

- **Speed and continuity of the chain of survival:** Every second determines not only survival but also the patient's long-term quality of life. Research and innovation in this area are therefore essential.
- **Education and preparedness:** Improving the quality of resuscitation—both by laypersons and professionals—is a fundamental pathway to better survival outcomes.
- **Post-resuscitation care:** The project appropriately extends beyond the restoration of circulation and focuses on comprehensive post-resuscitation care, which is essential for functional recovery and return to daily life

Based on the experience of ČAKO members, the medical team applying for this grant demonstrates not only outstanding professional expertise but also a deep understanding of patients' needs. Our alliance has a long history of collaboration with the OSIRIS team, and we are confident that their clinical and research activities are consistently driven by a commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for patients.

This project is valuable and welcome to us also because one of the teams within our patient organization, led by Mrs. Martina Motshagen, has long been dedicated to addressing related issues concerning cardiac arrest in the context of first aid, the use and availability of AEDs in Czech republic, and close collaboration with professional emergency responders.

I have had the opportunity to review the study protocol and provide comments, and I greatly appreciate both its quality and its focus. I look forward to following and actively supporting the implementation of this project.

Approval of this grant is, in my view, a meaningful investment in the future and in hope for patients who may face this life-threatening condition. The project has our full support and our readiness to provide active cooperation.

Thank you, and on behalf of our patient organization, I am confident that the grant application will be approved.

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Best regards.

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