

Ramsay Santé inaugurates the Basque Country Breast Institute at Clinique Belharra

- Clinique Belharra in Bayonne (Pyrénées-Atlantiques - 64), the leader in the treatment of women's cancers in the Basque Country and the South Landes region, has been awarded the “Breast Institute” label by Ramsay Santé, thus becoming the Group's 12th Institute.
- Breast Institutes seek to bring patients and their families the best possible care by setting up multidisciplinary teams, shortening treatment times and offering a personalised and coordinated care pathway.
- At the same time, Clinique Belharra has obtained certification from the French National Authority for Health (HAS) with the “High Quality of Care” distinction for its overall score of 99.6%.

A reference centre for cancer care in the Basque Country and South Landes

Clinique Belharra is a leading player in the provision of cancer care in the Basque Country and South Landes. It is the only facility to offer all seven of the cancer treatments subject to authorisation. In 2021 alone, it treated more than 1,500 cancer patients, including more than 450 for surgery on gynaecological cancers (breast, uterus, ovary), and over 7,000 chemotherapy sessions (all organs combined).

The facility is particularly at the forefront in the treatment of women's cancers with a team of 7 specialised doctors, including a recently arrived oncogeneticist.

“On average, between 5% and 15% of cancers are hereditary. Oncogenetics makes it possible to identify the individual risks of cancer in a person and also to predict the toxicity or effectiveness of chemotherapy. Oncogenetics determines the best prevention and treatment. Studies in the United States have shown that centres offering oncogenetic consultations save more lives,” says **Dr Emmanuelle Simonet, oncogeneticist at Clinique Belharra.**

A label that guarantees quality

On the strength of this expertise, Clinique Belharra has been awarded the label “Basque Country Breast Institute” by Ramsay Santé.

“The ‘Cancer Institute’ label set up by the Group offers patients comprehensive and personalised care in the shortest timeframe possible, thanks to the range of medical and paramedical expertise coordinated on the same site,” explains **Carole Micheneau, Cancer reference person at Ramsay Santé.**

The label is based on demanding specifications including:

- Rapid care in a single location (from diagnosis to follow-up appointments and treatment, at all stages of the disease).
- Easy access to rare expertise such as oncogenetics.
- Comprehensive care for the patient and her family (domestic, administrative, financial, legal, professional, etc.).
- A complete care support system (specialised beautician, psychological support, sophrology, nutrition, etc.) to improve patients' quality of life.
- Customised support for the most vulnerable patients by a care path coordinator nurse at each stage of the pathway, including after treatment. His or her role is to coordinate the various players involved (about ten in all, including specialist doctors, paramedical professionals and non-hospital practitioners).
- Access to clinical research and innovation.

As part of this certification, the Ramsay Santé group has invested 950,000 euros, enabling the clinic to increase capacity in its chemotherapy department by eight patients (+33%) and to add a dedicated consultation area.

“This certification was made possible by the expertise of the medical teams, of course, but also by partnerships set up with local doctors, imaging centres and non-profits, which allow us to offer patients a comprehensive and coordinated care pathway,” explains **Nicolas Bobet, Manager of the Aquitaine Division of Ramsay Santé.**

For example, Clinique Belharra is working with CAMI Sport & Cancer and the Aviron Bayonnais Endowment Fund to implement a personalised physical activity programme adapted to patient needs. This activity is supervised by a sports therapy practitioner and a rehabilitation doctor.

The latest innovation is the result of a partnership with the company Résilience. The facility provides patients with an application that allows them to be monitored at home and maintain contact with the care team.

Clinique Belharra confirms its excellent level of care

Following a certification visit that took place in November 2021, the Haute Autorité de Santé (HAS) awarded the **highest level of certification** to Clinique Belharra with a score of 99.6% for the outstanding quality and safety of its care.

This percentage is the result of an average calculated on 3 separate evaluations:

- The outcome for the patient (score of 99%).
- The care teams (score of 100%).
- The facility and its governance (score of 100%).

“This new certification reflects the implementation of a quality improvement process for the care pathway that boosts the safety and quality of patient care. Our excellent score is due to the professionalism of the multidisciplinary teams,

that help make Clinique Belharra a benchmark health care centre in the region,”
says **Nicolas Bobet, Manager of Clinique Belharra.**

About Clinique Belharra

Clinique Belharra is located in Bayonne, in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques. Open since August 2015, it has up to 250 beds. To ensure quality of care and guarantee optimal treatment, patients can rely on a team of more than 450 employees and 150 private practitioners. Taking a comprehensive and human approach, Clinique Belharra contributes to public service undertakings combining excellence in care and proximity. It is fully complementary to local and regional health networks: Follow-up Care and Rehabilitation, medical centres, home care providers, nursing homes. The facility provides 13,000 hospitalisations in surgery and medicine, with 20,000 patients treated in outpatient surgery (less than 24 hours), 15,000 emergency room visits and 1,300 births.

Website: <https://clinique-belharra-bayonne.ramsaysante.fr/>

About Ramsay Santé

Following the acquisition of Capio group in 2018, Ramsay Santé has become the leader in private hospitalisation and primary care in Europe. Today, the group has 36,000 employees and works with nearly 8,600 practitioners. Present in 5 countries (France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Italy), the group treats more than 7 million patients per year in its 350 facilities. Ramsay Santé offers almost all medical and surgical specialities in three domains: Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics (MSO), Follow-up Care and Rehabilitation (FCR) and Mental Health. In all its territories, the group contributes to public service health undertakings and providing proximity care, as in Sweden where the group has more than a hundred local health centres. Safe, quality care is the group's priority in all the countries where it operates. This is what has made it a reference in modern medicine, particularly in outpatient surgery and enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS). The group also invests more than €200 million every year in its facilities, whether in new surgical and imaging technologies or in the construction and modernisation of facilities. To best serve patient interests, it innovates constantly with new digital tools and by developing its organisations to improve efficiency of care.

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