In Belgium there was a need to bundle, expand and improve the psychosocial care in oncology. A lot of caregivers wished to enhance and to improve the quality of their interventions. In an attempt to respond to these needs, a small group of caregivers joined their strengths and knowledge by establishing a multidisciplinary Flemish Institute for psychosocial oncology, called the Cédric Hèle instituut (CHi). All of this found place in corporation with care providers and policy agents.

Since its foundation the CHi has become a reference for many professionals in oncology. It’s a place where networking and continuing education in psychosocial oncology takes place and is encouraged.

In 2010 the CHi wants to create an internet community and forum to further improve networking and to centralize and gather knowledge and information.

Over the next few years the CHi hopes to become a reference for scientific research in psychosocial oncology in Flanders. We’re working on coordinating and encouraging innovating research in the clinic of oncology.