Oncocat
The Catalan Network of Oncology
Oncology is the medical specialty of greatest importance in Catalonia for both healthcare and in the research field (Biocat Report 2009*). This priority attention to oncology is in line with global tendencies; according to the WHO, cancer will be the leading cause of death over the next few years and the Beyond Borders report (Ernst & Young 2009), says oncology represents 21% of all phase III clinical studies performed in Europe.

In Catalonia, one of the most outstanding bioregions in Southern Europe, there is a lot of basic, translational and clinical research in this area with the participation of members of the whole value chain, from research groups and centres, to hospital and companies. The Oncocat network has been created to promote co-ordination between these organisations and encourage synergy so that they can take greater advantage of opportunities and embark upon common projects for the international projection of Catalonia's potential in this area.

The information contained in this brochure about the research groups, institutions and companies that have subscribed to the Oncocat network is a good example of the enormous potential of oncology in Catalonia.
