The Phase I Patient Unit at Sint-Maarten Hospital is part of the SGS Life Science clinical trial network. This unit supports early phase clinical trials in patients, providing access to patient populations, and working as a qualified site for enrollment and study conduct.

SITE INFORMATION
Located within Sint-Maarten Hospital in Mechelen, Belgium, this Phase I Patient Unit has an eight bed capacity for early phase clinical trial patients.

The safety and quality of the studies is ensured thanks to a staff of highly experienced and multilingual professionals:

- Operational ownership by SGS medical staff and investigator
- 24/7 medical control of trial participants
- Full time availability of hospital emergency staff
- 200 physicians, supporting 654 hospital beds and 96 day care beds

ADDED VALUE IN CLINICAL TRIALS
- Eight bed capacity allows for easy and flexible allocation
- Close proximity to SGS’s primary Clinical Pharmacology Unit in Antwerp, Belgium allows for easy multi-site coordination and cross-site support
- Fast study start-up due to low turnaround time for Regulatory Authority and Ethics Committee approval (favorable compared to most countries in Europe)
- Solid recruitment capacity for patients, ensuring rapid subject enrolment and study delivery within timelines
  - Sint-Maarten-physicians co-operating with SGS recruitment efforts
  - Additional support from SGS’s in-house Site Management Organization
- Dedicated therapeutic and clinical development experts, assessing feasibility and ensuring smooth study conduct
- An experienced SGS-team of Investigators, Research Physicians, Clinical Project Managers, and Clinical Research Coordinators, demonstrated in various kinds of studies
- An experienced AZ Sint-Maarten team of clinical trial coordinator and study nurses

EXPERIENCE & THERAPEUTIC AREAS
Sint-Maarten Hospital has been conducting patient clinical studies for more than ten years. Key hospital physicians are collaborating with SGS to conduct these studies.

We offer a full package service with complete project oversight and dedicated therapeutic expertise, including:

- Oncology
  - Gynaecology
  - Respiratory
  - Gastroenterology
  - General
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology / Geriatrics
- Gastroenterology
- Hepatology
- Neurology
- Orthopedics
- Pneumology
- Vascular Surgery
FACILITIES

The Phase I Unit for patient studies currently occupies a wing in close proximity to the intensive care unit of the hospital. In addition to the eight beds for patients, the unit is equipped with a sample preparation area, a sample storage area/locker, and rest-rooms adequate for multi-day stays.

The Sint-Maarten Pharmacy and Lab, with its experienced staff, are fully adapted to support patient studies under controlled procedures.

SGS’s Antwerp CPU is in close proximity and provides lab and pharmacy support when needed. Special IMP-preparation requests are handled by SGS’s Antwerp CPU Pharmacy, which is GMP-licensed.

PATIENT RECRUITMENT & STUDY EXECUTION

The unit was created to significantly increase reach and patient trial capabilities in early phase clinical trials within Belgium. This Phase I Patient Unit has constant and reliable access to most of the patient populations treated in the Sint-Maarten institution.

The Sint-Maarten Unit plays a crucial role in the early phase studies conducted by our Clinical Research personnel and Clinical Project Managers. As part of the SGS Life Science clinical network, the Sint-Maarten Unit can operate as single Unit or in a multi-site approach, depending on the needs of the study.

Clinical trial safety and quality are primary concerns throughout the entire study at Sint-Maarten, and the professional staff at Sint-Maarten are there to provide full support, such as crash teams on stand-by 24/7.

SINT-MAARTEN & SGS SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS

Cardiology
- Dr. G. Vervoort
Clinical Pharmacology
- Dr. K. Lemmens (SGS)
Dermatology
- Dr. J. Leysen
Ear, Nose and Throat
- Dr. L. Gheyle (SGS)
Endocrinology / Geriatrics
- Dr. M. Vandenbroucke
Gastroenterology
- Dr. J. van Dongen
Gastroenterology Oncology
- Dr. L. Mortier
- Dr. G. Mertens
Gynecologic Oncology
- Prof. Dr. P. Bertloot
- Prof. Dr. K. Leunen
Hepatology
- Prof. Dr. L. Verbeke
Neurology
- Dr. V. Merckaert
- Dr. P. Pals
Neurosurgery
- Dr. J. Vangeneugden
Oncology
- Dr. J. Wagemans
- Dr. K. De Block
Orthopedic Surgery
- Dr. K. Van Crombrugge
Pneumology
- Dr. M. Lins
Psychiatry
- Dr. J. Rivière
Respiratory Oncology
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