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My name is András Péter Nagy the chief surgeon of surgery, president of the Hungarian ILCO Association since 6 years.

Right now there are currently about 15 thousand ostomates living with ileo, colo and urostomy. We have 34 ILCO clubs, which covering almost the whole country.

Assistance is not completely free, a small amount, 2% self-pay for bags. There are no other discounts for example state support, but the the Ministry of Health and the companies are helping as well.

Unfortunately in Hungary there is no stomatology nurse training, so we have been discussing about this for years.

As a surgeon, I've been dealing with colon cancer treatment for a long time, not only operating it, but by prophylaxis, following postoperative patients, and by family screening.

We are currently testing an instrument that is based on magnetic resonance, which we would like to use in the treatment of diseases such as colorectal diseases in Hungary.

Testing is done in our hospital / Kiskunhalas Semmelweis Hospital / and in Budapest. The results are very good, approx. 90% is the hit rate, far better than the results of previous screening techniques.

Every year we have been organizing a week-long vacation for ostomates children, where parents and brothers or sisters, the whole family, are involved. Boat excursions, bathing, forest walks, sightseeing.

Every year we provide a week-long holiday for young ostomates, where they are planning their own programs: they can have a good andventure.

Each year, an ILCO Club is committed to organizing the National Ostomates Meetings, where they have diferent programs such as cooking and games. It has been participated by 400-500 people.

Each year, we organize a conference too. The lecturers are stomatologic nurses, psychologists, stomatologists. From each of these presentations we publish a book every year, which is used as a textbook at the University of Pécs.

In the next year, the Hungarian ILCO Association will be 35 years old and we will be making this celebration.

Thank you for your attention!

Dr András Nagy is president of the Hungarian ILCO Association.