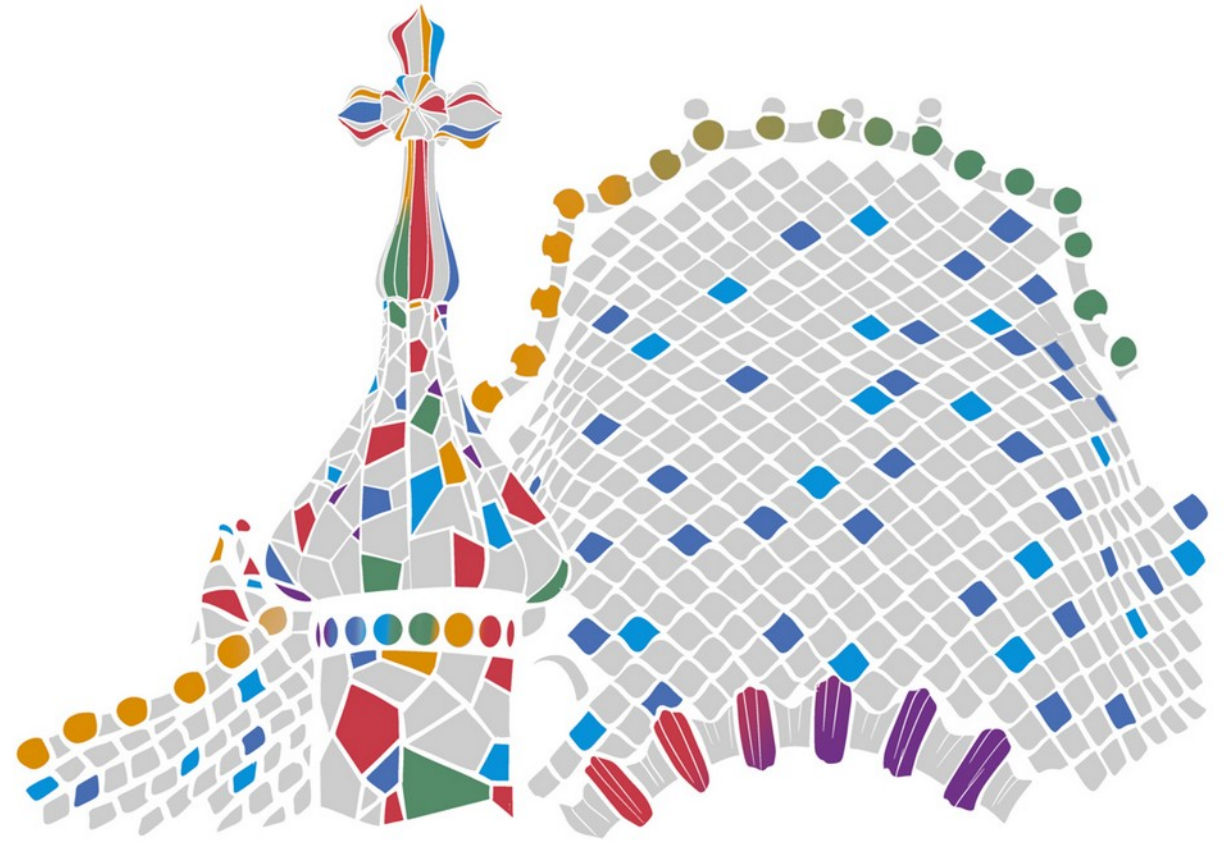




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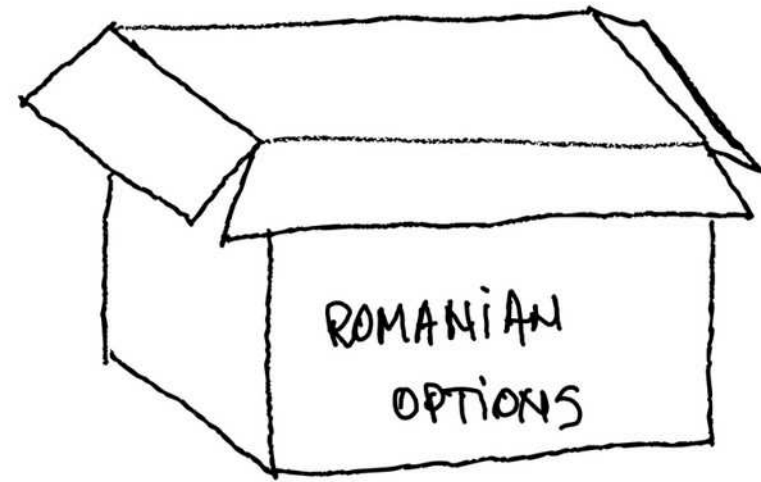


# When giving up is not an option

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# ROMANIAN CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONS FOR GASTRIC CANCER

## PROs

- Convenient
- Affordable
- More support from family / friends

## CONs

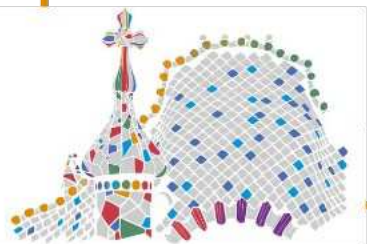
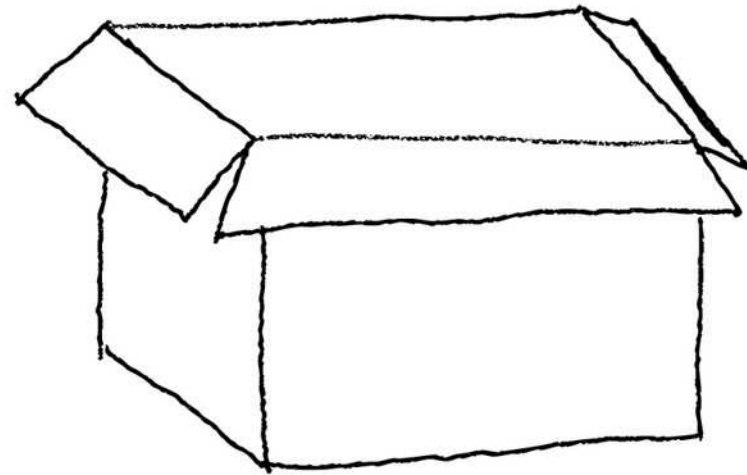
- Few options for few patients.
- Strict eligibility criteria.
- No “bending the rules” for specific cases.
- Little assistance through the process.

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# EUROPEAN CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONS FOR GASTRIC CANCER

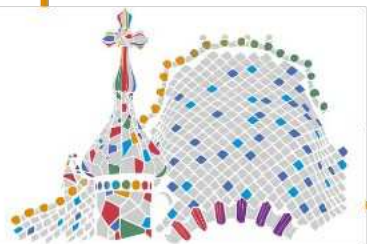
## PROs

- Doctors are more open to treat the patient, not the disease.
- Clinical Trials Authorities in Europe are very careful with safety concerns – even if a drug is FDA approved.
- Visiting Europe

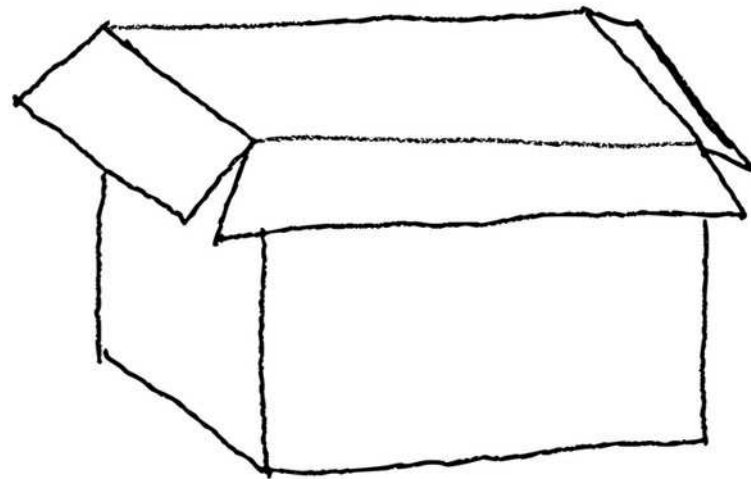
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## CONs

- Language barriers
- Not all trials are accessible to foreigners – hard to find.
- Fewer options vs. worldwide for metastatic gastric.
- Strict eligibility criteria – only for those with bigger chances of success
- Little assistance through the process



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# AMERICAN CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONS FOR GASTRIC CANCER

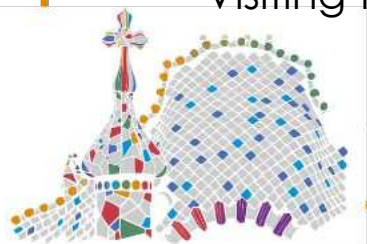
## PROs

- Potential for breakthrough therapies.
- Communicative and open doctors.
- More clinical trials to choose from.
- Wider eligibility criteria – specific cases included
- Doctors are open to bend the rules in specific cases (stage 4, young).
- Accessible to foreigners and many charity ways to help patients in need.
- Visiting the US.

## CONs

- Far away and complicated (you need a VISA).
- Expensive living costs - had to start a fundraising for it.
- Big risk – it might not work.
- Safety concerns.

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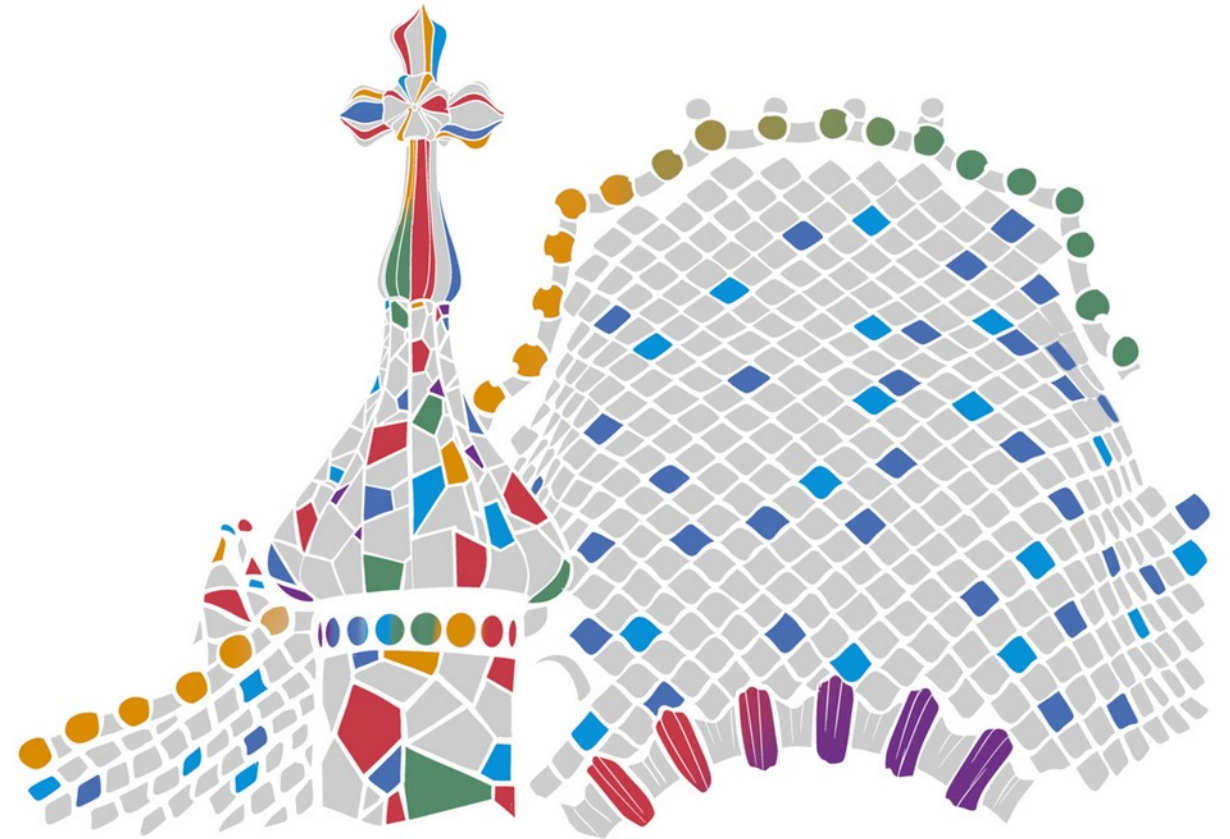






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