

## Over half of the developing hospitals and clinics are public investments

**More than half of the 112 Romanian hospitals and clinics being constructed or in an advanced stage of design, in order to be finalized in the coming two years, are public investments, according to a study conducted by the IBC Focus market research company.**

The report indicates that 69 hospitals, 27 medical clinics, seven consulting rooms, six laboratories, and five warehouses are presently in construction in Romania. However, construction has not yet begun on 75 percent of these. While 36 percent of the analyzed units are older health care institutions, 64 percent are Greenfield projects.

“If all plans materialize, there will be 15,000 new hospital beds by 2010. The problem is the lack of qualified and trained personnel,” said Adriana Bodron, Executive Manager of IBC.

These new units will raise the number of Romanian hospitals by more than eight percent. Romanian hospitals currently have some 136,000 beds, most of which are in state hospitals (beds in private units do not exceed 300-400 beds).

So far, the largest investments were made in Euroclinic, the first private hospital in Romania, and in MedLife Memorial Hospital, belonging to the MedLife clinic network, which opened last year. Medsana, Medicover, and Unirea Medical Center (CMU) have ongoing investments.

The report also analyzes the value of investments in terms of region. Thus, Transylvania is to register 46 investments, Moldavia 25 units, and the southern part of the country (including Dobrogea) 41 units.