

European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)



The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) is a non-profit, leading European professional organization, which focuses on advancing the specialty of medical oncology and promoting a multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment and care. At ESMO, our ultimate goal is to eradicate cancer and advance cancer care, assuring that patients receive the high-quality care they deserve. To achieve this goal, we constantly strive to address the issues that affect both our members and the oncology profession as a whole.

Membership

The *myESMO* community is a powerful alliance of committed oncology professionals. ESMO tailors its programs to meet its members' professional development needs. We provide platforms for our members to continue to build up their expertise and to remain up-to-date with the competence and skills required to be recognized as top-quality oncology practitioners. Through our ESMO awards, we recognize our members' achievements in the field of oncology. Our sense of community reaches beyond medical oncology and across all oncology specialties. While the majority of our 6,000 members are medical oncologists, ESMO membership spans over 100 countries and also includes radiation and surgical oncologists, as well as other oncology healthcare professionals actively involved in cancer treatment, research, and patient care.

Research

A core part of our mission is to both nurture and disseminate cancer research. ESMO is actively involved in creating a favorable environment for innovative and high-quality basic, translational and clinical cancer research.

- *Annals of Oncology*: ESMO's multidisciplinary scientific journal, *Annals of Oncology*, ranks among the top clinical oncology journals worldwide and publishes articles addressing medical oncology, surgery, radiotherapy, pediatric oncology, basic research and the comprehensive management of patients with malignant diseases.
- *ESMO Clinical Recommendations*: Annually updated requirements for a basic standard of cancer care, offering vital, evidence-based information for physicians, including incidence of the malignancy, diagnostic criteria, staging of disease and risk assessment, treatment plans and follow-up.
- *ESMO Fellowship Program*: Offers young oncologists the opportunity to gain research experience in outstanding European Institutes, obtain financial support and take advantage of networking opportunities. The program is designed to provide a clear perspective on future research potential and patient management.

Education

ESMO recognizes the importance of education as an essential tool to maintain excellence in patient care. Our experienced committee experts and multidisciplinary faculty ensure excellence in ESMO educational programs, which contextualize research results and cover the full spectrum of cancer treatment and care.

- *ESMO Congress*: The annual ESMO Congress, held every second year in joint partnership with the European CanCer Organisation (ECCO), is recognized as the European meeting place for oncologists to present the latest in basic, translational and clinical research findings as well as to learn and exchange ideas with their colleagues.

- *ESMO Conferences*: Together with other leading European oncology organizations, ESMO organizes conferences in its four core specialty areas of breast cancer, gastrointestinal cancer, genitourinary cancer and lung cancer.
- *Continuing Medical Education*: In addition to physical and virtual meetings, ESMO publishes handbooks, scientific meeting reports, medical oncology training guidelines, offers the ESMO Exam and provides interactive practice and self-assessment tools, as well as other educational materials online at: **www.esmo.org**
- *Patient Seminars*: Education at ESMO extends beyond oncology professionals. Through the ESMO Patient Seminars it also reaches out to cancer patients in order to facilitate an open dialogue and partnership with them as part of our mission to embrace the needs of those suffering from cancer.

Public Policy and Partnership

- *European Union*: ESMO is an authoritative voice in the fight against cancer and prepares position papers as well as offers consultative expertise to oncology organizations and European authorities on important issues related to cancer research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.
- *Oncology partners*: ESMO addresses the universal needs in oncology by being a reliable partner to all stakeholders in the multidisciplinary oncology environment. We know that we cannot fight this battle alone therefore through our activities we unite key oncology stakeholders who share common objectives. Enhancing our relationships with European and national oncology societies, as well as cooperative research groups, consolidates and strengthens our European network and reinforces our united efforts.

To join ESMO today or obtain more information about our Society, please visit: **www.esmo.org**

ESMO is a Founding Member of ECCO – the European CanCer Organisation.