

# ESTRO Workshops at ECCO 2017



## TOWARDS STATE-OF-THE-ART RADIOTHERAPY FOR EVERY CANCER PATIENT

### What is at stake?

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According to evidence based recommendations, across Europe, around half of all patients diagnosed with cancer would benefit from radiation therapy at some point during the course of their disease. It has however been estimated that in most European countries radiation treatment is provided to only about 60–80% of all patients who should receive it.

Topics discussed by the panellists will include:

#### ACCESS

- the availability, needs and sustainability of radiotherapy resources; now and in the future
- safeguarding innovation in radiotherapy, accounting for

socioeconomic variables

- the organisation of radiotherapy services in the context of cancer control programs in order to improve accessibility

#### EFFICIENCY

- optimising processes in radiotherapy
- seeking the optimal balance between outcomes and costs

#### QUALITY

- safety through quality assurance programs in Radiation Oncology
- radiotherapy contribution to the multidisciplinary cancer care approach
- the importance of interaction between doctors and other stakeholders

## COMMUNICATION IN ONCOLOGY

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#### AIMS

- Introduce basic communication concepts and competence to the European cancer community
- Help participants to deal efficiently with difficult communication tasks in a way that make them – and the patients – feel better afterwards

#### METHODS

- Blend of interactive lectures, activities in groups of 2–20 and plenary take-homes
- Highly learner-centered, scheduled program adjusted to participants' needs as we teach

#### PROGRAM THEMES

- Basics of efficient communication
- Disclosing uncertainty –

breaking bad news

- Delivering complex information
- Shared decision-making and follow-up

The workshop comprises four 90-minute modules.

#### AUDIENCE

Radiation Oncologists, Medical Oncologists, Clinical Oncologists, Surgical oncologists, GP's, nurses, patient organisations and decision makers.