
Consistent Cancer Care Across Borders – A clear legal framework benefits patients and professionals

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Cross border care

Legal certainty for patients and professionals

- Cross border care requires legal certainty for patients and professionals
- Professionals as well as patients need to cross borders
- Legal certainty would benefit cancer outcomes
- Therefore Recognition of Medical Oncology at EU-level is needed

Working for legal certainty

Recognition of Medical Oncology

ESMO works actively for the recognition of medical oncology as an independent medical speciality at EU level (Directive 2005/36/EC)

Why?

- To help to **spread and share** knowledge, experience, and expertise
- Because **high-level training and qualifications** can ensure high-quality treatment
- To assure **all** cancer patients have **access to optimal specialist care**

Towards better cancer care

Recognition of Medical Oncology

- Cancer load growing (aging of the population)
- Best outcome expected when treatment is planned in a multidisciplinary team (surgical, radiation and medical oncologist)
- Treatments becoming complex, more effective and very expensive

To ensure professional mobility for Medical Oncologists:

Medical oncology should be recognised, with defined educational standards

This would benefit health professionals and cancer patients