Supporting and promoting excellence in oncology
ESMO supports and promotes excellence throughout the field of medical oncology. ESMO mission is:

- To improve the quality of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, supportive and palliative care, as well as the follow-up of patients with malignant disorders.
- To advance the art, science, recognition, and practice of oncology.
- To disseminate knowledge in oncology to cancer patients and the public.
- To educate and train persons involved in clinical cancer care and research.
- To promote education in oncology in order to ensure a high standard of qualification of medical oncologists within the multidisciplinary team.
- To facilitate equal access to optimal cancer care to all cancer patients.
- To maintain liaisons with other oncology specialities, cancer leagues, universities, patient groups and, where appropriate, the pharmaceutical industry.
ESMO lives and works by four core values:

- **Integrity**
  We are people of our word. We work honestly, communicate transparently, foster reciprocal trust in all our relations, and judge based on professional merit alone.

- **Commitment**
  We give our whole-hearted support to accomplishing our mission and supporting each other. We are always there for our society, our profession, our colleagues, as well as our patients.

- **Accountability**
  We take full responsibility. Each of us stands behind our actions and decisions.

- **Excellence**
  We are never satisfied with mediocrity and seek to achieve the highest standards in everything we do.