

Medical oncology status

2006 status of MO for EU Member States		
Country	Title	Training
Austria	Haemato and Medical Onkologie (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 8 years, {6 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Hemato-oncology (2 years + 1 included in the 6 years of Internal Medicine)}
Belgium	Medical Oncology established since mid 2006	Basic education: 7 years, Specialization: 6 years, (3 Internal Medicine + 3 years Medical Oncology)
Cyprus	Pathologic Oncology (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 6 years, (3 Internal Medicine + 3 years Medical Oncology)
Czech Republic	Clinical Oncology (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years
Denmark	Clinical Onkology (means combination of Medical Oncology and radiotherapy)	Basic education: 6,5 years. Specialization: 1,5 years (6 months surgery, 6 months Internal Medicine, 6 months general practice) + 6 years (1 year introduction to clinical oncology, followed by 5 years of main education of which 2 years MO at referral center and 3 years at a highly specialized center with both medical oncology and radiotherapy)
Estonia	Oncology combination: MO & RO	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 4 years
Finland	Combination: MO & RO, Syöpätaudit Ja Sätehoito	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years
France	Oncologie Medicale (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years medical school, Specialization: 5 years + 1 optional year for research
Germany	1. Haemato-Onkologie 2. Gastroentero-oncology or 3. Pneumo-oncology	1. Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 3 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Medical Oncology. 2. Specialization: 3 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Gastroentero including 1 year Medical Oncology. 3. Specialization: 3 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Pneumo including 1 year Medical Oncology
Greece	Medical Oncology	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 6 years, (2,5 years Internal Medicine + 6 months Hemato + 3 years Medical Oncology)
Hungary	Medical Oncology	Basic education: Any post-graduate base disciplines + (e.g. Internal Medicine, Neurology, Gynecology, etc.), Specialization: Same as above + 2 more years of Medical Oncology
Ireland	Medical Oncology	Basic education: 5 years, Internal Medicine – 3 year minimum, Specialization: 4 years (after general professional training)
Italy	Oncologia (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years (as of 2007)
Latvia	General Onkology, Medical Oncology is a subspecialty	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years
Lithuania	Onkologija Chemoterapija (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, primary internship 1 year, Specialization: 4 years, (2 years Internal Medicine + 2 years Medical Oncology)
Luxembourg	Internal Medicine	Basic education and Specialization: depends on where student received education

Malta	not available	not available
Poland	Since 1985 MO = Chemotherapy of cancer. Since 2003 Clinical Oncology is an independent specialty (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 5 years + 1 year pre-registration, Specialization: 5 years, (2 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Medical Oncology)
Portugal	Oncologia Medica (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years
Slovakia	Clinical Oncology (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 5 years, (2 years Internal Medicine + 3 years Medical Oncology)
Slovenia	Medical Oncology	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 6 years (2 years Internal Medicine + 4 years Medical Oncology)
Spain	Oncologia Medica (means Medical Oncology)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 4 years
Sweden	Onkologi (combination of RT & MO)	Basic education: 5,5 years medical school + 21-month internship, Specialization: + 5 year residency in Oncology
The Netherlands	Medische Oncologie (Internist with Medical Oncologist: subspecialty of Internal Medicine)	Basic education: 6 years, Specialization: 6 years, (4 years Internal Medicine + 2 years Oncology)
United Kingdom	Medical Oncology	Basic education: 5 years medical school + 1 year as pre-registration hospital doctor, Specialization: + 3 years Internal Medicine + 4 years medical oncology

*The information above reflects the situation as of 31/12/2006*

**Status of MO for European countries that were not EU Member States as of 31/12/2006**

Country	Recognition of MO	Title
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Yes	
Bulgaria	Yes	Medical Oncology from 2007
Croatia	Yes	
Georgia	Yes	
Iceland	Subspecialty under Internal Medicine since 1978	
Macedonia	No	
Moldova	1. Hematology and 2).Oncology (subspecialties: chemotherapy, radiotherapy, oncological surgery)	
Montenegro	No, only subspecialty in General Oncology	
Norway	No	Internist with MO: subspecialty of Internal Medicine
Romania	Yes, since 1997	Internal Medicine (2006 decision to merge MO with Internal Medicine)
Russian Federation	No	

Serbia	No, only subspecialty in General Oncology	
Switzerland	Yes, since 1996	
Turkey	Subspecialty under Internal Medicine since 1984	
Ukraine	No, the term Oncology is used	
<b>2006 status of MO for non-European countries</b>		
Country	Recognition of MO	
Algeria	Yes, since 1993	
Argentina	Yes, since 1980, but the term Clinical Oncology is used	
China	Yes, since 1959	
Egypt	Yes, since 1995	
India	Yes, separate subspecialty under Oncology	
Israel	Oncology (Medical Oncology and Radiation Therapy under one specialty)	
Japan	Yes	
USA	Yes, for the past 30 years	