ETHICS IN ONCOLOGY

18-20 May 2006
Bled, Slovenia

Chair: A. Surbone, IT - M. Zwitter, SI
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The field of oncology, as a front-line specialty that involves intense and often dramatic circumstances and outcomes, magnifies the experience of the common ethical dilemmas that physicians and nurses encounter in clinical practice.

Special issues arise in clinical oncology related to the severity and uncertainty of the cancer patient’s condition and her physical and psychological suffering; the tension inherent in patient-doctor communication about cancer; the complexity of cancer diagnosis and treatment; and the toxicity of many cancer therapies, coupled with the prominent role of experimental treatments; and the fact that cancer is not only the illness of a person but also of her entire family.

On a daily basis, health-care workers caring for cancer patients face the ethical implications of cultural diversity vis-à-vis communication of diagnosis and prognosis and of end-of-life decisions. Most oncologists and oncology nurses are involved in the development and/or conduct of clinical trials and must deal with the moral implications of enrolling cancer patients in human experimentation. Moreover, emerging fields such as that of genetic testing and therapeutics have raised new ethical quandaries.

This course is designed to provide in-depth exposure to theoretical and practical ethical issues in oncology, as well as to provide clinical guidelines for the solution of common ethical dilemmas. The course will be interactive, with ample time for general and one-to-one discussion between participants and speakers.
FACULTY

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THURSDAY, 18 MAY

16.30  Registration
17.00  Introduction to the course: why this course?
       Chair: A. Surbone – M. Zwitter
17.15  Introduction to bioethics
       T. Nilstun
18.00  Human values: An anthropological perspective
       B. Telban

FRIDAY, 19 MAY

Ethics of clinical trials
Chair: S. Joffe – M. Zwitter

8.30   The ethics of human research
       T. Nilstun
9.15   Ethical issues in randomised clinical trials in oncology
       M. Zwitter
10.00  Informed consent – theory and practice
       S. Joffe
1045  Discussion and case presentations
11.15  Coffee break

Communication at the core of the therapeutic relationship - Part I
Chair: D. Razavi - L. Schapira

11.30  Organising education in communication skills
       D. Razavi
12.15  The nurse’s role in handling difficult communication
       J. Foubert
13.00  Discussion and case presentations
13.30  Lunch

Communication at the core of the therapeutic relationship - Part II

14.30  Communication: an art that can be taught
       L. Schapira
15.30  Discussion and case presentations
16.30  Coffee break
17.00  Round table: truth-telling to the cancer patient
SATURDAY, MAY 20

Research and genetics
Chair: A. Surbone – K. Vähäkangas

8.30 Ethical issues in molecular epidemiology of cancer  
K. Vähäkangas
9.15 Ethical and social implications of genetic testing for cancer predisposition 
A. Surbone
10.00 Embryo research in oncology: perspective from EC  
J. Trontelj
10.30 Discussion and case presentation
11.15 Coffee break

Perspective Lectures

11.30 Caregivers role: gender differentiation in oncology  
L. Baider
12.15 Women’s contribution to bioethics  
A. Surbone
13.00 Discussion
13.15 Lunch

Care-giving and end of life
Chair: L. Baider – L. Schapira

14.15 Physicians’s responsibilities in palliative care  
C. J. Fürst
14.45 Communication at the passage from cure to palliation  
D. Razavi
15.15 Family and the process of terminal illness  
L. Baider
15.45 Discussion and case presentation
16.15 Coffee break
16.30 Round table: controversies in end of life care
17.15 Closing remarks  
A. Surbone – M. Zwitter
GENERAL INFORMATION

Course venue
Grand Hotel Toplice
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ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT: www.cancerworld.org/eso

Confirmation of registration
Registration will be confirmed by mail, fax or e-mail.

Cancellation of registration
In case of cancellation without replacement, the fee less handling charges of 60€ will be refunded, provided a written request is received by the European School of Oncology before 18 April 2006. No refund can be made if notice of cancellation is received after this date. Refunds will be settled after the course only.
Replacements will be accepted only before 5 May 2006.

Official language
The official language of the course will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Certificates
All participants will be issued with a certificate of attendance at the close of the course and will also be entitled to European CME credits.

Badge
The badge is the only official evidence of registration and should be worn at all times during the course. Loss of badge means loss of registration.

Insurance
The organisers bear no responsibility for untoward events in connection with, before, during and after the course. Participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal and travel insurance coverage.

Important deadlines
18/03/2006: accommodation deadline
18/04/2006: cancellation deadline
05/05/2006: replacement deadline
05/05/2006: registration deadline (after this date, registration will only be available on-site)
REGISTRATION FORM - ETHICS IN ONCOLOGY, 18-20 MAY 2006

Please fill-out this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and send to:
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REGISTRATION FEE 150€

Payment must accompany the registration form and be processed by 5 May 2006 (after this date, registration will only be available on-site).
The registration fee covers admission to the course, a copy of the programme, coffee and lunch throughout the course as indicated in the programme.

PAYMENT DETAILS
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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

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BOOKING:

Rates are expressed in EUR (€), per night per room and include breakfast, tourist tax and VAT. Please indicate your choice and send the form to the chosen hotel. The reservation is valid only if confirmed from the hotel.

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RESERVATION DEADLINE: 18th March 2006

TRANSFERS:

[ ] I request the airport-hotel shuttle service from Ljubljana Airport (up to € 50)

Arrival time: __________________________  Flight Number: __________________________

PAYMENT:

Payment for accommodation, airport transfer and other hotel services will be made directly at the hotel. All major credit cards are accepted.

Date: __________________________  Signature: __________________________