Throughout Europe the debate about organizing optimal care pathways is entering a new stage. Variations in specialist care provision, volume-outcome relationships, and differences in long term survival rates fuel this discussion, although most cancer patients are still being treated in a general hospital setting. In several European countries clinical audit systems are starting to generate more evidence on how to organize optimal cancer service provision. Government agencies and professional societies are actively defining quality criteria and, increasingly, minimum volume numbers. Quality assurance and accreditation systems are being used to further improve the care system. The OECI, thanks to experience acquired with the Accreditation and Designation Programme, feels that there is room for improvement in the organization of specialist cancer care.

In some countries (such as Italy, Czech Republic and the Netherlands) cancer networks are presented as a way of meeting the performance challenge and in a way challenge further centralization in cancer centers. In a number of recent European Joint Actions – such as that on Rare Cancers, and iPAAC Joint Action, there is a focus on defining quality standards for various kinds of networks, and yet there is a lack of definition of what constitutes a network, and what the quality marks of governance of such networks are. Then there is the geographical challenge. Some cancer networks can be seen on a sub-regional basis (the UK and France have had these for many years); some on a very local level (e.g. in Paris or London); others for rare cancers are at a national level (see the recent rare cancer network creation in Italy) or international level (EURACAN, Eurobloodnet and PaedCan). These different geographical challenges, and the concepts of “networks within networks” merit informed debate as we move forward as a cancer community to define quality standards and criteria for cancer networks.

The meeting is launched to stimulate a debate and provide material to define a position on quality criteria, effectiveness and patient centeredness of different types of Cancer Networks. Ultimately this should lead to a decision of the OECI whether or not to expand our Accreditation & Designation Programme to Comprehensive Cancer Networks which meet certain quality criteria. The meeting is open to OECI Member Organisations, representatives of other key Organisations, particularly patient bodies, and those presenting case studies and project leaders involved in such a debate.
HOW TO ESTABLISH
PATIENT-CENTRED QUALITY
STANDARDS FOR VARIOUS TYPES
OF CANCER NETWORKS

Paris
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PROGRAMME

09.30   Host welcome and introduction to the "Comprehensiveness model"
        Thierry Philip (15 min.)

09.45-10.15  Introduction
              Wim H. van Harten (30 min.)

10.15-10.30  Principles of OECI A&D approach to quality evaluation and how this
              might apply to Networks
              Simon Oberst (15 min.)

10.30-11.10  SESSION 1
              The added value of Cancer Networks around a University Medical
              Centre
              Chairperson: Wim van Harten
              Case 1: Lyon: a Comprehensive Cancer Centre Network based on a
              university hospital
              Gilles Freyer (20 min.)
              Case 2: Cambridge University Hospitals and the CRUK Comprehensive
              Cancer Centre
              Simon Oberst (20 min.)

11.10-11.30  Coffee break

11.30-12.20  SESSION 2
              The added value of, and quality criteria for, regional cancer networks
              Chairperson: Tit Albrecht (10 min.)
              Case 1: The Czech Regional Network
              Ladislav Dusek (20 min.)
              Case 2: The Cancer Centre and University hospitals in the
              Rhône-Alpes Région
              Pierre Biron (20 min.)

12.20-13.00  SESSION 3
              The added value of, and quality criteria for, national cancer networks
              Chairperson: Paolo Casali (10 min.)
              Case 1: Danish Comprehensive Cancer Centre concept
              Cai Grau (20 min.)
              Case 2: Quality in Research and in Clinical Studies: the UNICANCER
              experience
              Pierre-Henri Bertoye (20 min.)
              Case 3: The development of Cancer Networks in Germany
              Simone Wesselman (20 min.)

13.30-14.00  Lunch Break

14.00-15.00  Discussion: Outcomes from the presentations: how can we move
              towards Europe-wide quality standards for Cancer Networks?
              Chairpersons: Wim van Harten, Thierry Philip
              and Dominique de Valeriola

REGISTRATION

OECI makes no charge for participating in this meeting, but representatives will pay for their own travel and accommodation.

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- Taxi (10 mns)

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