

Expanding roles and opportunities for the pharmacist in optimizing use of oral cancer drugs

Welcome to the ESCP International Workshop Reykjavik!



Dear colleagues,

Join us for the ESCP spring conference 2018 in Reykjavík. During this conference we will explore the several roles of the pharmacist in providing pharmaceutical care to patients receiving oral cancer therapy. The development of oral cancer agents has changed the paradigm not only of cancer treatment but also for pharmaceutical care practice. The number of oral cancer therapies in use has increased to approximately 17%, and it is now estimated that at least 25 % of the 400 anticancer agents in the pipeline are planned as oral agents.

The movement towards the use of more oral agents, resulting in increased ease of administration, and patient autonomy has in itself created other new issues. Examples of issues that need attention are patient adherence, management of adverse effects and drug cost. Other aspects include proper handling, disposal and storage of oral anticancer drugs as well as potential interactions with food and other medications, recognition and reporting of side effects, pricing and availability and, certainly, ensuring patient adherence. There is an emerging consensus among academics, professional organizations, and policymakers that pharmacists need to expand their role in order to contribute to the safe, effective, and efficient use of oral anticancer drugs.

The workshop is suitable for pharmacists working in various settings including hospital, community pharmacies, nursing homes, general practice, research and more.

We hope to see you in Reykjavík to discuss these potential roles of pharmacists in supporting patients on oral anticancer therapy.

Þórunn Guðmundsdóttir President of the Workshop

Programme Preview

The International Workshop will start on Monday 19th of February 2018. During the 2-day workshop plenary lectures and workshops will involve topics including:

- Clinical overview and use of oral cancer treatments (classification and naming, indications, regimens, schedules)
- Mechanisms of action of oral cancer drugs (targeted treatment)
- Managing common side effects of oral cancer drugs
- Managing drug-drug and drug-food interactions with oral cancer treatments
- Medication adherence / interventions to increase adherence to oral anticancer treatments
- Pharmaceutical care and patient education for oral cancer treatment
- Availability of oral cancer drugs
- Safe handling of oral cancer drugs in clinical practice (yellow hand)

The Workshop will end on Tuesday 20th February 2018 in late afternoon. The final Workshop Programme will be announced on the ESCP website.

Reykjavík

Reykjavík is the world's northernmost capital. Although small in size with only about 190,000 inhabitants, its size is also its charm. Most of its shop, museum, restaurants and bars are situated around the center, making Reykjavík easily accessible on foot. The growing number of visitors has resulted in a number of excellent restaurants, bars and cafés. Reykjavík is also known for it's superb museums, remarkable heritage sights and vibrant urban life. Why not extend your visit and mix business with pleasure and explore the island of fire and ice. Iceland is an extraordinary country filled with beautiful nature with an abundance of mountains, volcanoes, glaciers, rivers, lakes and natural geothermal baths. A true outdoor paradise! If you are curious to know more about Iceland and Reykjavík, check out www.visiticeland.com and www.visitreykjavík.com.

Travel from Europe and US to Iceland is easy with Iceland's international airport only about three hours away from Amsterdam, London, Paris and Oslo and about five hours from New York, Boston, Toronto and Minneapolis. The International airport at Keflavík is about 40 minutes drive from Reykjavík and is operated by many (low budget) airlines, including the national carrier Icelandair, SAS, Delta, British Airways, WOW air and Easy Jet.

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Important Dates & Deadlines

Registration Opening: 16 October 2017
Abstract Submission Opening: 16 October 2017
Abstract Submission Deadline: 4 December 2017
Early Bird Registration Deadline: 22 January 2018
Registration Deadline for Abstract Presenters: 22 January 2018

The number of participants will be limited to 100.

Only abstracts related to the theme will be considered for oral presentation.

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