



ESOP 365

Vigilance and sustainability are our strengths



ESOP (European Society of Oncology Pharmacy) President: Klaus Meier

The Oncology Pharmacists have formulated throughout Europe the common goal to let people with cancer get the best possible support. Oncology Pharmacists are devoted and specialized with energy and attention in support of the cancer survivors becoming subject to a chronic condition. The support of the cancer patients is based on scientific research for achievement of the best results in the fight against cancer. Through collaboration and cooperation ESOP's aim is to share achieved experience in order to help create progress of cancer treatment.

ESOP joined ECCO the great European family of healthcare professionals with nearly 150.000 members since 2003. The board of ESOP and more than 3.500 Oncology Pharmacists feels welcome in ECCO's principle that besides inter-disciplinarity the growing multi-professionalism is a crucial component for success.

EPIC

Empowering Pharmacists to improve health care for oral chemotherapy patients: Establishment of a European best-practice model (Call HP-PJ-2014, Project ID 664509)

The number of orally available anticancer agents has been growing continuously. Patients will only be adherent, if they are fully convinced of the benefit of their oral anticancer therapy.

The EPIC project targeted cancer patients receiving oral chemotherapy and especially pharmacists in community and hospital pharmacies who are involved in the administration of oral chemotherapy with emphasis on education and adherence.

Based on results of different activities, we have achieved two main goals of the project: planning.

1. Implementation of a training program for pharmacists
2. Oral anticancer drugs database, which supports pharmacists at counselling.

This resulted also in greater awareness among pharmacists that their commitment and quality advice to patients taking oral anticancer drugs contributes to a more effective and safer treatment and greater confidence of pharmacists in counselling cancer patients after participating e-training.

This good practice model will be introduced to other countries in Europe.

Chair: Andreja Eberl



MASHA

MASHA is the first independent, multi-centre, pan European study, involving 15 European hospitals, to measure the current state of cytotoxic contamination in the workplace, including pharmacies and wards. The study was designed to investigate any possible weak points during drug preparation, transportation and application, and during the disposal of medical devices after treatment.

The MASHA project demonstrated the presence of surface contamination in the preparation and administration areas in all of the investigated hospitals. Environmental contamination with cytotoxic drugs is seen at different levels in different hospitals. The results indicate that current cleaning procedures do not remove residual drug contamination from the surfaces. Despite the progress made in decreasing contamination through the use of supportive devices, a need clearly exists for a standard set of safe working guidelines.

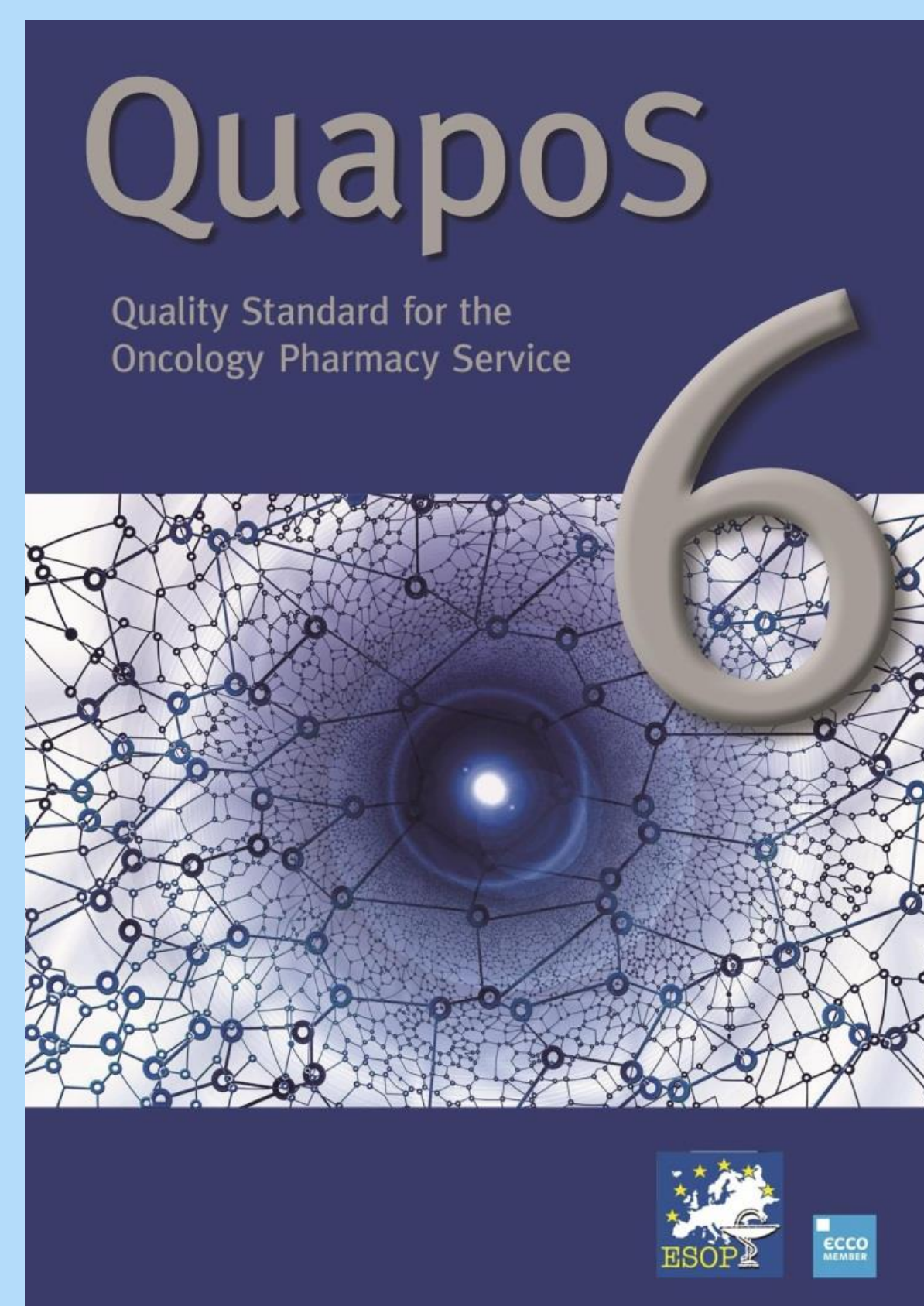
Chair: Ewelina Korczowska



QuapoS

QuapoS – Quality Standard for the Oncology Pharmacy is a general guideline for all the colleagues who work on the field of oncology. Our aim is to provide high quality oncological pharmacy service to oncology patients. The 6 different chapters in QuapoS – 1 Quality Assurance, 2 Personnel, Pharmacy Anticancer Drug Unit, 4 Anticancer Drug Production, 5 Pharmacy as a Co-ordination Centre and 6 Pharmaceutical Care where composed by the pan-european team of ESOP members to help to achieve this goal. The new, 6th edition of QuapoS, that is available now on our website will be also translated into all our member countries languages.

Chair: Kristjan Kongi



ERQCC

The European CanCER Organisation (ECCO) has started to building up the position statement on integrated cancer care under project on essential requirements for quality cancer care (ERQCC). Project included various healthcare experts from different fields, including the oncology pharmacist. On the meetings essential requirements were defined for each profession and for each center in general, including the essential requirements for oncology pharmacist as a external member of multi professional team for various oncology settings.

Essential requirements

The Oncology Pharmacist should liaise with the multi professional team to discuss cancer specific treatments, including interactions with other treatments; should supervise the preparation of oncology drugs; and should be involved in the counselling of patients about their drug treatment.

The Oncology Pharmacists should have experience considering antineoplastic treatments and supportive care; interactions between drugs; drug dose adjustments based on age, liver and kidney function, and toxicity profile; utilization and monitoring of pharmacotherapy; patient counselling and pharmacovigilance; and knowledge of complementary and alternative medicines.

Chair: Marko Skelin



ECOP

The bi-annual European Conference of Oncology Pharmacy is organized with the aim of sharing knowledge on the latest scientific developments in pharmaceutical care for the oncology patient. At this conference, oncology pharmacists can showcase their most recent work on improving both clinical pharmacy services as well as on practical pharmacy issues such as the technical aspects of chemotherapy compounding. A multiprofessional approach is used to advance the effectiveness of healthcare delivery and increase the quality of patient care. This conference attracts multiple stakeholders from Europe and beyond: oncology pharmacists, hospital pharmacists, community pharmacists, medical oncologists, oncology physicians, pharmacy nurses, pharma industry.

Chair: Mirjam Crul



EUSOP

European Specialization in Oncology Pharmacy (EUSOP) was developed to prepare pharmacists for today and even future cancer world. The training program ensures that participants get the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and experience. Teaching and learning styles are, by their very nature, changing and in recent years there has been a noticeable move from lecture-based activities towards more student-centred activities. ESOP Education Team is using many new pedagogical techniques for this. The main target audience of the training is clinical pharmacists who will take or still taking part in oncology clinics. However, these pharmacists are not only European. ESOP has members from almost all over the world and they want to achieve this unique education.

The 3 main basics of EUSOP

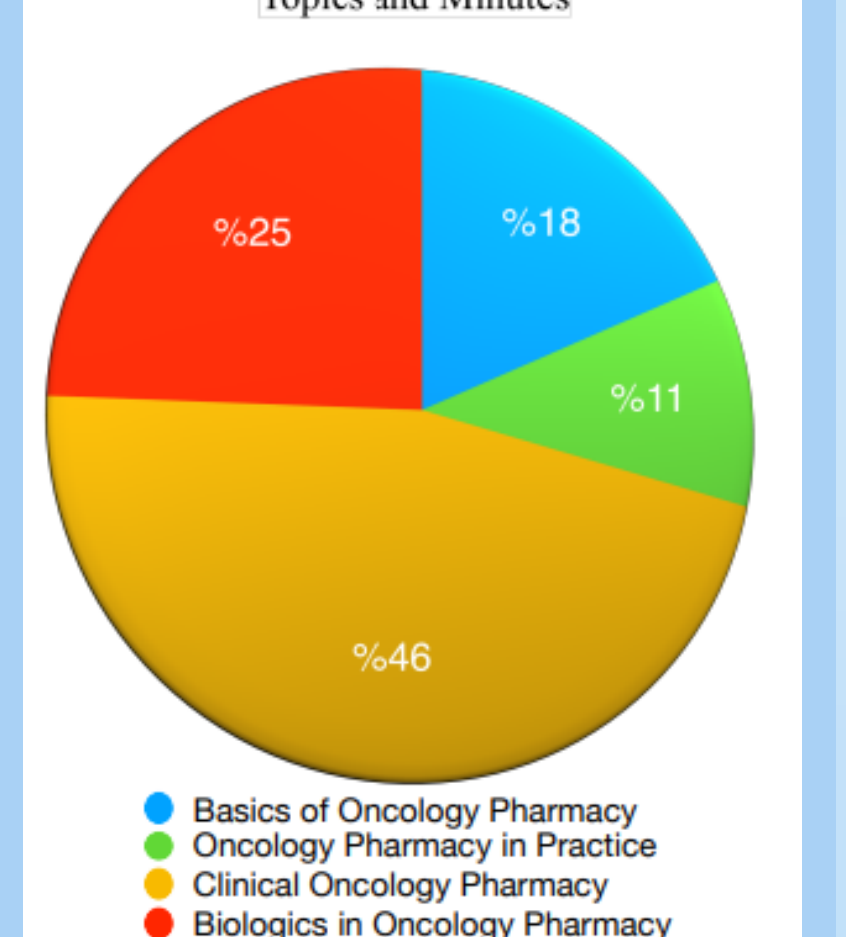
- First: International Webinars
- Second: Case Studies with International Workshops
- Third: National Trainings

Chair: Ahmet Bosnak

Figure 1. EUSOP Distribution of Educational Techniques



Figure 2. EUSOP Distribution of Curriculum Topics and Minutes



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