



Aims of the MASHA working group:

The MASHA working group aims to provide the highest standards in the safe handling of anticancer drugs and to ensure safe working conditions for all professionals involved in cancer care.

The MASHA working group will work towards these aims by providing standardized working procedures in a series of recommendations that can be implemented in a working environment of the members of ESOP. The objectives will be achieved by sharing knowledge and best practices and by performing independent research.

Deliverables of the MASHA working group:

- Producing concise set of recommendations that each ESOP member can use in their own institution, covering the following subjects:
 - Regular environmental monitoring program
 - Safe and optimized cleaning protocols
 - Guidelines for acquiring and using adequate PPEs
 - Annual training on safe handling of cytotoxic drugs, including spillages
 - Yellow hand activity

- Advancing independent research that can further build upon current MASHA studies
 - Surface contamination research outside Europe
 - Contamination of cytotoxic drugs packaging
 - Research on internal exposure of healthcare workers to anticancer drugs

(NB: both lists can be extended by the working group)

Requirements for participants in the MASHA working group:

- Be a member of ESOP
- Be a member of their national Society
- Secure funding from their own institution or country if they want to participate in MASHA research
- Be willing to share data, knowledge and experience within ESOP