

## **Clarification of the Status of National Oncology Pharmacy Societies**

It must be confirmed that the national oncology pharmacy society is an independent professional organization representing the members of ESOP within its respective country and operating separately from other national scientific or professional societies.

Independence means in particular that the national oncology pharmacy society has:

- Autonomous decision-making authority in financial matters
- Independent scientific governance and decision-making
- Independent determination of professional, organizational, and strategic positions
- The ability of the elected executive board (or spokesperson council) to issue official statements independently
- Full authority over its internal structure, membership rules, and representation

The delegation of administrative or organizational tasks (for example management services, event organization, or membership administration) to another society or to an external organization does not compromise this independence, provided that full decision-making authority and governance remain exclusively with the national oncology pharmacy society.

A dependency shall be considered to exist only if another organization has the power to influence or control financial decisions, scientific positions, strategic direction, internal governance, or the publication of official statements.

### **National Representation**

It must further be confirmed that the national oncology pharmacy society constitutes the independent national body representing the ESOP members of the respective country.

In this context, this means in particular that the society:

- Represents all ESOP members who are resident and/or professionally active in that country
- Is open to all eligible ESOP members within that country without restriction by another national society or organization
- Covers the full national ESOP membership of the country
- Acts as the single independent national organization for ESOP members in that country
- Is not subordinated to, governed by, or structurally integrated into another national scientific or professional society
- Determines membership, representation, and voting rights exclusively within its own statutes and governing bodies

Only one such independent national oncology pharmacy society per country can be recognized for the purpose of official ESOP representation.