on behalf of ECCO and EONS, you are invited to a pre-Congress workshop

Improving the multi-professional management of cancer-related pain

Friday 27th September 2013

Rai Congress Centre, Amsterdam

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Pain in cancer patients is a complex problem with physical, social, psychological and spiritual dimensions.

It is one of the most common symptoms experienced by cancer patients and for many it is the most feared. Despite the fact that cancer pain can be controlled in 70 – 90% of patients, many patients continue to endure unnecessary suffering. Breakthrough pain is more difficult to manage that persistent cancer pain and patients with this type of pain are often less satisfied with their opioid therapy. There is no one reason why cancer pain is so poorly managed, indeed the problem is contributed to by not only health professionals, but also by patients, their families and the health system itself.

The purpose of this EONS-led workshop is to explore the myriad of barriers that block or hinder the effective relief of cancer-related pain. A combination of presentations, interaction and discussion will endeavour to uncover issues of care and treatment that can be addressed through a multi-professional approach. The meeting will seek to identify where professionals can work together more effectively for improved assessment, communication, decision-making and management of pain for better care of cancer patients.

The meeting is intended for clinical and medical oncologists, oncology nurses and other health professionals working with cancer patients.

*Translation into Czeck, will be available.*

*Dr Andrew Davies*  
*Jenske Geerling on behalf of EONS*
Agenda
Thursday 30th May 2013

13.00 – 13.05 Welcome and outline for workshop
Co-Chairs: Andrew Davies (ECCO), Jenske Geerling (EONS)

13.05 - 13.35 Optimal pain control – why is it so hard to get it right?
Wendy Oldenmenger, Erasmus Medical School, Netherlands

13.35 – 14.05 Understanding Breakthrough Pain
Dr Giovambattista Zeppetella, Medical Director, St Clare Hospice, UK

14.05 – 14.35 Tools and techniques for improved assessment of BTCP
VVON Dutch Pain Group

14.35 – 15.05 Approaches to the management of breakthrough pain
Dr Andrew Davies, Consultant in Palliative Care, Royal Surrey County Hospital, UK

15.05 – 15.20 Discussion/questions: collaboration in pain management
Andrew Davies/ Jenske Geerling

15.20 – 15.40 Practical guidance for the management of BTCP
Jenske Geerling (EONS)

15.40 – 16.15 Facilitated case study discussions
Facilitated by faculty

16.15 – 16.45 Review of case studies and group discussion
Faculty

16.45 – 17.00 Closing Remarks and close
Co-Chairs
Faculty

**Dr Andrew Davies** Co-Chair (EAPC) Consultant in Palliative Care, Royal Surrey County Hospital, UK

**Dr Giovambatista Zeppetella** Consultant in Palliative Medicine, St Clare Hospice, UK

**Jenske Geerling** Co-Chair (EONS), Nurse Practitioner in Palliative Care, University Medical Centre, Groningen, The Netherlands

**Sylvia Verhage** Nurse Practitioner in Palliative Care, University Medical Centre, Groningen, The Netherlands

**Wendy Odenmenger** Erasmus Medical School, Netherlands