

SPANISH NATIONAL REPRESENTATION

In Spain we are at the beginnings of Oncogeriatrics.

In 2011 it had been created a National Working Group that involved most of the societies related to aging:

- SEOM: Spanish Society of Medical Oncology
- SEOR: Spanish Society of Radiotherapy
- SEGG: Spanish Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology
- SECPAL: Spanish Society of Palliative Care

There have been two national meetings (2-June-2011 and 8-Novembre-2012)

After those meetings, a list of main points and tasks were collected and assumed by the different societies.

Main objective was to know Spanish situation related to Oncogeriatrics, detecting needs and create a future plan of action.

Each society assumed a compromise to develop inside their own organisations a specific group on aging.

Mainly at Prague SIOG meeting, two person, one haematologist (Raúl Córdoba) and one oncologist (Regina Gironés) joined and decided to change the Spanish situation, as our country was underrepresented at SIOG.

SPANISH SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY:

The Spanish Society of Hematology (SEHH) created the Spanish Group of Hematology Geriatric (GEHEG) in February 2015 with plenty of educational activities.

These is the list for GEHEG activities through this year

- In February 11-12, 2016, the **2nd Workshop on Hematology Geriatrics** took place in Barcelona:
 - 150 delegates
 - Dr. Lodovico Baducci was the invited speaker
- In April 21-22, 2016, the **XI Annual Meeting of the Madrid Hematology Association (AMHH)** included in the Educational Program a talk about “Hematology and Aging”, given by Dr. Raul Cordoba

- In September 2016, with the sponsorship of Janssen, a national program of “**Workshops on Hematology Geriatrics**”, was launched. The first workshop took place in Madrid in October 6, 2016. Hematologists and Oncology Pharmacists joined this educational and training program.
- In September 2016, a manuscript titled “*Geriatric assessment and clinical management of older patients with hematological malignancies: Results of the Survey performed by the Spanish Hemato-Geriatry Group*” was sent for publication to the European Journal of Hematology. Decision is still pending.
- In October 20-22, 2016, in the **Annual Meeting of the Spanish Society of Hematology (SEHH)**, several talks about hematology in the elderly were given, like the one about the tailored therapy in DLBCL patients, in a satellite symposium with the sponsorship of Servier.
- In October 2016, the Spanish Group of Hematology Geriatrics created an account in Twitter in order to have visibility in social media.

SPANISH SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY (SEOM):

Under SEOM auspice, on 29th febraury 2016 we created an Spanish Working Group on Oncogeriatrics (GEOG)

These are the list of our activities and future plans:

- We generated a survey related to the Spanish situation. Preliminary results on that demonstrated that there is a lack of most of the hospital on physicians dedicated to Oncogeriatrics. Mainly, there are single person that have develop their own modality to assess these patients. All of the interviewers agreed that elderly patients need to be assessed on a different way. Also, all agree that they need specific training. Final results are going to be published
- We are working on a recommendation paper focused on which kind of geriatric assessment could be applied to Spanish patients. A Delphi method is being used and is supposed to be ready on February 2017
- SEGG (Spanish Society of Geriatric and Gerotology) and SEOM have signed a document to work together and to generate a national plan to be distributed through all Spanish hospital
- At our National Meeting accomplished in October 2016, we met all members (50 actually)
- At our National Meeting we generated am Educational Sesion focused on Oncogeriatrics

- An interview to Dra Gironés has been published in one of the specific medical reviews to explain the group generation and how we are going to work to the future
- An specific protocol has been done by different hospitals to validate Hurria's scale at our country
- Clinical trials: we are now developing clinical trials on specific histologies (lung cancer, breast, colon...) that should include geriatric assessment. The working group is defined to work across cooperative Spanish Groups (p.e GECP; GEICAM...). Collaborative agreements are pending
- EDUCATION: a Oncology Master is doing by SEOM. We have started a way to include Geriatrics in this master

HOW ARE WE GOING TO WORK AT OUR COUNTRY:

After all of these activities, the main activity is to contact with administration in order to generate a national plan that includes how to work on Oncogeriatrics.

Due to the singularity of our health system, probably it is going to be impossible that all the country would be organized at the same way. Probably, each community or some time, each hospital, should to adapt the best way to work according to its singularity.