The COSA geriatric oncology group continues its activities under the leadership of Professor Meera Agar.

1. Ongoing work on Geriatric Oncology Guidance document on a Wiki platform. These guidelines will enable evidence-based activity in an Australian context and help shape policy direction and resource allocation.

2. The group holds regular research concept development meetings. These are scheduled teleconferences designed to encourage the development of research ideas and nurture research activity Australia-wide. Research concepts are submitted prior to the meeting and then discussed by a panel of experts. Suggestions for protocol refinement are often made. A collaborative, collegiate approach is vital to the development of this field and these meetings held every 6 months provide a positive backbone for such activity.

3. The group continues to provide expertise at local and international meetings.
   - eg The Victorian Care of Older People Clinical Network 2017 Forum – Older People with Cancer. Friday 27th October at Deakin Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne.
   - Geriatric oncology sessions at MASCC18 in Vienna June 2018 including a combined SIOG/MASCC event.
   - Geriatric oncology and supportive care sessions planned at ESMO ASIA Singapore November 2018.
   - Geriatric oncology initiatives being undertaken by several COSA members were featured at the 2017 COSA ASM in November. Abstracts and conference proceedings are available in APJCO.
     a) Assessing Treatment Tolerability after Geriatric Assessment in the Senior Oncology Clinic at the Gold Coast University Hospital. James Fletcher, Jasotha Sanmugarajah, Susan Caird, Michael Allen, Amanda Quennell, Michael Powell [abstract #165]
     b) A Pilot Study to Evaluate the Clinical Utility of the Cancer and Aging Research Group (CARG) Prediction Tool for Treatment Related Toxicity in Patients Over 70 Years of Age Undergoing Systemic Therapy at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. John Lai, Anthony Dowling, Melissa Moore, Genni Newnham, Chris Hart, Sue-Anne McLachlan [abstract #173]
     c) Predicting Chemotherapy Toxicity in Older Adults: Comparing the Value of the CARG Toxicity Score With Oncologists’ Estimates of Toxicity. Erin B. Moth, Belinda E. Kiely, Vasikaran Naganathan, Andrew Martin, Natalie Stefanic, Philip Beale, Peter Grimison, Prunella Blinman [abstract # 189]

4. COSA members in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide were very pleased to host Supriya Mohile on her Australian sabatical tour in June-July 2018. Supriya spoke at a number of centres in her Australian visit and these meetings were very well attended. Supriya’s visit was timed just after the release of the ASCO guidelines on the care of older adults with cancer and served as a catalyst to give evidence-based care of older adults increased prominence in Australia.

Other key Geriatric Oncology Activity

1. The development of EviQ Geriatric Oncology Education modules online – hosted by Cancer Institute NSW. These modules have been developed with collaboration between the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, The Royal Melbourne Hospital Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Western & Central Integrated Cancer Service (WCMICS), Western Health Consumer representatives, The Royal Women’s Hospital (Melbourne) and The University of Melbourne. This project has been funded by WCMICS in Melbourne and was generously supported by The Frances & Harold Abbott Foundation. [https://education.eviq.org.au/courses/geriatric-oncology]

2. The continued development of Cancer in the Older Adult clinical services in Perth, The Canberra Hospital, Monash Medical Centre in Melbourne, The Gold Coast Hospital, The Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia and Eastern Health in Melbourne.

Ongoing Research activity includes

1. Phase II (pilot) step wedge cluster randomised controlled trial of a nurse-led triage and assessment system to optimize outcomes for older people with cancer. A multicentre trial Led by Meera Agar at University of Technology Sydney.
2. Elderly Functional Index (ELFI) for assessment of functioning in patients with cancer: how does it measure up? Validation of composite HRQOL instruments led by Wee Kheng Soo.

3. Feasibility of the Electronic Rapid Fitness Assessment at a Regional Cancer Centre A collaboration between Armin Shahrokni at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York and the Border Medical Oncology Research Unit at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. Led by Christopher Steer.

Australian GO publications in 2017-2018


4. Lane HP, McLachlan S, Philip JAM: 'Pretty fit and healthy': The discussion of older people in cancer multidisciplinary meetings. J Geriatr Oncol 10.1016/j.jgo.2018.06.001, 2018


BELGIUM
NR: Lore Decoster

Research activities

1. Publications
2. Oral presentations

3. Poster presentations

Promotion of geriatric oncology
- Report on SIOG Annual Meeting 2017 in the Belgian Journal of Geriatric Oncology entitled ‘Geriatric Oncology: from research to practice: incorporating geriatric oncology into patient care’ 0 (see appendix). In this report I also encouraged readers to attend the SIOG Treviso course and the SIOG annual meeting 2018.
- Presentation on geriatric oncology for the yearly congress of oncology and radiotherapy nurses: ‘Oncogeriatrie en multidisciplinaire aanpak van ouderen met kanker’. VVRO Jaarcongres 18/11/2017
- Presentation on geriatric oncology for the Seminars in Oncology of the UZ Brussel: ‘Geriatric oncology: focus on the older patient with cancer’. Seminars Oncology UZ Brussel 21/12/2017
- Currently finalizing my PhD thesis in geriatric oncology
- Advertisements for SIOG Treviso course and SIOG annual meeting were circulated multiple times to all members of the Belgian Society of Oncology (BSMO) via email and to the members of the Belgian society og gerontology and geriatrics (BVGG) via their website. In addition the advertisements were published in the Belgian Journal of Medical Oncology, which is distributed to all medical oncologists, gastroenterology oncologists and pneumology oncologists in Belgium.
- Announcements for SIOG meetings were also mentioned in all presentations by L Decoster and C Kenis
- A non profit organization ‘Kom op tegen Kanker’ has initiated a working group on ‘older patients with cancer’ of which Cindy Kenis, Lore Decoster and Hans Wildiers are members. This non-profit organization is currently running a pilot project which investigates how the social network of older patients with cancer can be enforced and is working on a report on ‘Cancer in nursing homes’
- Geriatric oncology will be part of the course ‘advanced practice nursing’ at the UCCV Gent

Future projects:
- UZ Leuven (Hans Wildiers and Cindy Kenis) and UZ Brussel (Lore Decoster) received a grant from a non profit organization ‘Kom op tegen kanker’: randomized controlled trial on geriatric assessment and patient participation.
- The Belgian Cancer Register in collaboration with UZ Leuven en UZ Brussel received a grant from a non-profit organization ‘Kom op tegen Kanker’: observational study to investigate the effect of geriatric screening and assessment on different aspects on the long term.
Appendix 1

Geriatric oncology: From research to practice: Incorporating geriatric oncology into patient care

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SUMMARY
The 2017 annual conference of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology took place in Warsaw, Poland from November 6-11. More than 300 delegates from 45 countries with a special interest in the care for older patients with cancer attended this conference. The meeting provided an overview of current advances in geriatric oncology.

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INTRODUCTION
The 2017 annual conference of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIGG) focused on incorporating geriatric oncology into patient care. This is essential for all physicians involved in the care of older patients with cancer because with the aging of the population, all oncologists will become geriatric oncologists. An optimal care for older patients with cancer implies a close collaboration between oncologists and geriatricians. In addition nurses and other allied health care professionals play a key role in the integration of geriatric screening and assessment in daily oncology practice.

ADVANCES IN THE FIELD OF GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY
Although advances have been made in the field of geriatric oncology during the past year, we still lack data from clinical trials for patients aged 75 years or more and this for all cancer types.

In hormone receptor positive metastatic breast cancer, the CDK 4/6 inhibitors have emerged as an effective first line anticancer therapy in combination with letrozole. An age specific analysis from the MONALEESA 2 trial demonstrated a significant improvement in progression free survival for the combination of ribociclib plus letrozole (HR 0.61) and acceptable toxicity, similar to the overall population. However, CDK 4/6 are also involved in cellular senescence and the question remains if they can induce clinical senescence.

In non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) immunotherapy has changed the therapeutic landscape with five positive phase III trials for stage IV: four in second line with nivolumab, atezolizumab and pembrolizumab and one in first line with pembrolizumab and one positive phase III trial for stage III with durvalumab after concomitant radio-chemotherapy. However median age in all these trials is 62-85 years and only 10% of patients are aged 75

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Keywords: geriatric oncology, 2017 SIGG congress.
KEY MESSAGES FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE

1. All oncologists are geriatric oncologists.
2. Clinical trials in older and more vulnerable patients are needed.
3. An optimal care for older patients with cancer implies a close collaboration between oncologists and geriatricians.
4. Nurses and other allied health care professionals play a key role in the integration of geriatric screening and assessment in daily oncology practice.
5. Join the oncogeriatric community by becoming a SIOG member or attending the 2018 annual meeting in Amsterdam in order to learn how to improve the care of older patients with cancer.

years or more. This is in contrast to real life where the median age for NSCLC is 70 and more than 30% of patients are 75 years of age or over.

In ovarian cancer, patients aged 75 years or more treated with olaparib are at a higher risk of developing severe anemia and fatigue and should be monitored closely.

Finally, Marje Hamaker from the Netherlands highlighted the need to elicit patient preferences, the importance of social support and the care for the caregivers.

OPTIMISING MEDICATION MANAGEMENT IN OLDER PATIENTS WITH CANCER

Older patients often take multiple medications for different health problems. When cancer is diagnosed in these patients, additional medications are prescribed, resulting in a high risk for drug-drug interactions and adverse outcomes such as falls and delirium. Deprescribing is therefore of high importance for these patients because stopping drugs may improve quality of life and clinical outcomes. However, with different physicians involved in the care of these patients, this is not always an easy step. For this reason, the primary care physician and/or the geriatrician play an essential coordinating role in the management of older patients with cancer.

Pain management is also an important issue in older patients with cancer. In these patients, low dose strong opioids are preferred over high dose weak opioids (such as tramadol) since these drugs may increase the risk of confusion and agitation.

THERAPY-RELATED TOXICITIES IN OLDER PATIENTS WITH CANCER

Treatment decisions in older patients with cancer are often difficult because of the heterogeneity of the patient population but also because of the different patient expectations from treatment. For older patients, quality of life and maintenance of independence are important endpoints besides prolonging survival. For this reason, different sessions at SIoG 2017 focused on short and long term side effects from treatment in older patients with cancer.

Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea are of high importance to older patients with cancer. In order to limit these toxicities, preventive measures and early detection and intervention are important. In addition, communication on toxicity management is important.

Immunotherapy is changing the landscape of many tumours, but older patients with cancer are underrepresented in these trials. In phase I immunotherapy trials older patients with cancer reported significantly more toxicities of any grade, mainly low grade fatigue and anorexia. Further research on immunotherapy in older patients with cancer is warranted.

GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT IN PRACTICE

Comprehensive geriatric assessment is a process with five essential steps: 1) screening in order to identify patients in need of further assessment; 2) geriatric assessment (GA) to identify problems; 3) geriatric recommendations based on the problems detected by GA; 4) geriatric interventions based on the recommendations and subsequent directed actions and 5) follow-up and adaptation of the care plan of the patient.

In a large Belgian study implementing GA in older patients with cancer (n=843), GA-based recommendations were made in 79% of patients most frequently referred to a district social worker of geriatrician. In 99% of patients GA based geriatric interventions were performed but not for all
BRAZIL
NR: Manuela Zereu

In 2017-2018 we had little but very strong progress in the field of Geriatric Oncology: study groups in geriatric and geriatric oncology have regular meetings not only with physicians and medical students but also with multidisciplinary teams. This group published a book to help the understanding of allied aspects of geriatrics. The chapter of geriatric oncology was written by me with the help of some medical students. Next year we will have the permanent participation of geriatric fellows in the program of clinical oncology!

CYPRUS
NR: Demetris Papamichael

Promoting SIOG
Promotional slide used for SIOG annual meeting 2018 during all my presentations.

Publications relevant to Geriatric Oncology

2. Optimal management of localized rectal cancer in older patients.
3. Identifying patients who may benefit from oxaliplatin-containing perioperative chemo(radio)therapy for rectal cancer.

Papamichael D, Glynne-Jones R.

Ongoing and future project
Study to Estimate the Toxicity, Dose-Intensity, and Benefit of anti-EGFR-Based Treatment in Patients with Advanced Colon Cancer according to age
Update of SIOG guidelines (adjuvant) based on the IDEA Collaborators results and the ACCENT database. Will be presenting and discussing a proposal during the next IDEA meeting during ASCO GI 2019.

Education
Two presentations during the ESMO Preceptorship Programme in Colorectal Cancer Valencia, Spain 18-19 May 2018
- Adjuvant treatment for elderly patients: how to address it
- How to deal with elderly patients or individuals with co-morbidities

FRANCE
NR: Rabia Boulahssass

PROMOTION OF SIOG (SIOG invitation at the end of each presentations)
- COURS DE SAINT PAUL « metastatic breast cancers » 01/2017, Nice, France, oral presentation (OP)
- MONACO AGE ONCOLOGIE, Monaco, ORAL THERAPIES 03/2017, 2 Other Oral Presentations in this meeting
- SFNT French national congress (nephrology), Oral presentation, 05/2017
- Mini WorkShop on lung diseases, Lung cancer and older Adults Oral presentation, Nice, 05/2017
- IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatric: cancer related morbidity and mortality issues San Francisco: chairman and oral presentation, 07/2017
- EUGMS: International Congress of the European union geriatric medicine society, Fatigue and cancer, AWARD OF THE BEST ORAL COMMUNICATION, Nice 09/2017
- SOFOG French National Congress GO, cancer and fatigue Oral presentation , 09/2018
- FHU OncoAge Workshop Clinical Studies dedicated to elderly patients (PACA Est Cohort), Oral presentation,10/2017

SYMPOSIUM (oral presentations)
- Amgen ethics and geriatric oncology, Nice 05/2017
- MasterClass supporters, Nice 05/2017
- Amgen ethics and geriatric oncology, Paris 10/2017
- Roche Breast cancers and geriatric oncology, Cannes 10/2017
- BMS Immunotherapy and older adults, Nice, 09/2017

RESEARCH LAST PUBLICATIONS PUBMED


RESEARCH
- PI of the PACA East Prospective cohort with >3800 elderly cancer patients enrolled
- Copil Member of GERICO (national research group for geriatric oncology in France)
- Scientific committee group of the SOFOG (French Oncogeriatric Association)
- ASRO research group which promote the research in geriatric oncology in southeast of France
- Participation at several multicentric French studies and toxicity committee for research
- Member of ONCOAGE: Hospital federation for research performed in 2016. Consortium of high level skills from several fields (clinicians, bio pathologist, immunologist, researchers, bioinformatician, mathematician, economists and social researchers) : it aims to improve research in lung and head and neck cancers.

PROMOTE EDUCATION (GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY)!
In France there are 5 post-graduate teaching trainings in geriatric oncology for geriatricians and oncologists. In the southeast of France, we have this training since 2012 chaired by Olivier Guerin (Scientific responsibility) and Rabia Boualahssass (pedagogic responsibility)

INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THE ELDERLY POPULATION!
Organization with every year in our area several meetings for older adults (with several French organizations fighting against cancer and media) to promote individual screening for colon and breast cancer. (“Mars bleu” Octobre Rose”)

MAKING BRIDGES WITH YOUNG GERIATRANS
In 2017, Lisa Cooper from Tel Aviv and Costanza Bartolotti from Chile came to our hospital to perform their knowledge to set up a geriatric program in their countries. They will attend the congress of the SIOG 2018.
Each year, we propose an invitation to a young French geriatrician for the SIOG: last year Sebastien Gonfrier and this year Noemie Champigny.

ORGANIZATION NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONGRESS
Monaco Age Oncologie (geriatric oncology) >500 attendees
SOFOG French national association (geriatric oncology) >250 attendees

EDITORIAL NATIONAL BOARD
DRIVING SPECIFIC PROGRAMS for elderly patients with cancers
From 2014, we run a specific physical activity program for hospitalized elderly patients with cancers (more than 200 patients) with the support of a charity (COGs for cancer)
CARELINE program from 2014, “taking care” by calling by phone very frail patients (homebound with cancers) ( >50 patients)

IRELAND
NR: Anne Horgan

CLINICAL
- It is anticipated that a National Clinical Lead in Geriatric Oncology will be appointed through the National Cancer Control Programme in the last quarter of 2018 / first quarter of 2019. This will result in a co-ordinated development of geriatric oncology services nationally
- The Geriatric Oncology Clinic in the South East Cancer Centre, University Hospital Waterford (Dr Anne Horgan) continues to expand. It recently received a National Hospital Professional Award for Innovation and Service Development 2018.
- This clinic has also been shortlisted for the National Healthcare Awards to be awarded in October 2018

EDUCATION
- Fourth Irish Geriatric Oncology Meeting held in April 2018 (Chair: Anne Horgan. Committee: Anita O’Donovan, Shane O’Hanlon). This meeting was again run under the auspices of SIOG with the president and a number of other SIOG members both in attendance and presenting.
- Annual meeting is mandatory for trainees in Medical Oncology and Geriatric Medicine to attend
- Funding for a preceptorship for 2 trainees, one each in medical oncology and geriatric medicine, secured for 2018 (Anne Horgan). This is the second year of such a programme, and offers the opportunity for trainees to visit a centre of excellence in geriatric oncology internationally.
- Dr Shane O’Hanlon and Anita O’Donovan– part of faculty at Treviso course 2018

RESEARCH
Oral presentations
- Anita O’Donovan presented at ESTRO course in Brussels October 2018: Multidisciplinary Management of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer in older patients
- A. O’Donovan, Age Attuned Radiotherapy, European SocietTy for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO) 37, Barcelona, Spain, 20th-24th April, 2018Invited Talk, 2018
- Shane O’Hanlon presented on behalf of SIOG at ECOP-4 (European Conference of Oncology Pharmacy) in Nantes October 2018
- Geriatric Oncology; Drug Safety Research Unit, London, 2018 (Shane O’Hanlon)
- Frailty screening in older adults with cancer; EUGMS, Berlin 2018 (Shane O’Hanlon)
- Debate: “This house believes we should not operate on the frail older patient”; Age Anaesthesia/POPS Conference, London, 2018 (Shane O’Hanlon)
- Geriatric Oncology; ATOM Conference, The Christie, Manchester, 2018 (Shane O’Hanlon)
- Assessing Older People with Cancer; Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 2018 (Shane O’Hanlon)
- Oral presentation the Irish Geriatric Society Annual Meeting, October 2018. Integrating Principles of Geriatric Care into Oncology : A Collaborative Approach to Managing Older Patients with Cancer, 2018 (Presenter: Dr AR Farooq; Lead: Anne Horgan)
- Oral presentation, Irish Society Medical Oncology (ISMO) Annual Meeting Feb 2018 Social Integration in Oncology Patients with a focus on the older population (Presenter Dr D Bracken-Clarke; Lead: Anne Horgan)
- Bursary awarded
- Geriatric Oncology and Bone Health, Bone Health in Cancer 2018 meeting, Ireland. October 2018 (Anne Horgan)

Publications:
- Lund CM, O’Hanlon S. The SIOG Treviso Course: Students’ Perspective
- Bracken-Clarke D, Farooq AR, Horgan AM. Management of Locally advanced and Metastatic Esophageal cancer in the older population. In press - Current Oncology Reports (Volume 21)
- Shóna Whelehan, Orfaith Lynch, Niall Treacy, Ciara Gleeson, Andrea Oates, Anita O’Donovan, Optimising Clinical Trial Design in Older Cancer Patients, Geriatrics, 2018
- Horgan, S. and O’Donovan, A., The Impact of Exercise during Radiation Therapy for Prostate Cancer on Fatigue and Quality of Life: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis, Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, 2018

Book Chapters
- O’Hanlon S. Management of delirium on the surgical ward.
- O’Donovan A et al Radiotherapy in the Elderly in, editor(s)Maria Jose Molina Garrido , Textbook on Geriatric Oncology, 2018

MEXICO
NR: Enrique Soto Perez de Célis

Clinical Activities:
1. Expansion of the Cancer Care in the Elderly Clinic (CICAM) from six patients per week to 20 patients per week.
2. Establishment of a rotation for Medical Oncology Fellows in Geriatric Oncology at the National Institute of Medical Science and Nutrition in Mexico City.

Educational Activities
1. Planning and development of the 13th International Geriatrics Meeting which will be focused on Geriatric Oncology. This meeting has SIOG auspices and will feature international speakers and will be held at the National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition in Mexico City from November 28 to December 1st 2018. The meeting also has the
auspices of the Mexican Society of Oncology and the Mexican Geriatrics Society and provides CME credits for the Mexican Council of Oncology.

2. Presentation of a Symposium and Webcast on Geriatric Oncology in Breast Cancer for the Mexican Society of Mastology.

3. Presentation on mobile technology for older adults at the Geriatrics Symposium for patients held at the National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition in Mexico City.

Service to Profession and Participation in Committees
1. Associate Editor of the Journal of Geriatric Oncology
2. 2017-2020 ASCO Professional Development Committee
3. 2017-2020 ASCO Health Equity Committee
4. 2018-2020 International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) Science & Education Committee
5. 2018 SIOG Annual Meeting Planning Committee
6. 2018 ASCO Workforce Diversity Strategic Plan Task Force
7. 2018 ASCO Addressing Disparities in Older Adults Work Group
8. 2017-2018 Conquer Cancer Foundation Global Oncology Young Investigator Award Committee

Active Grants
07/01/17 - current Global Cancer Institute Grant
Global Cancer Institute Grant
A Patient Navigation Program to Access Early Palliative and Supportive Care for Patients with Advanced Cancer (NCT03293849).
Role: PI
10/01/17 - current Fundación Miguel Alemán Medical Research Grant
Fundación Miguel Alemán
Validation of a self-reported geriatric assessment using an electronic Tablet for older adults with cancer in Mexico
Role: PI

Meeting Presentations
3. Verduzco Aguirre HC, Navarrete-Reyes AP, Reyes-Martinez NI...Soto-Perez de Celis E. The effect of a geriatric oncology (GO) evaluation on treatment (Tx) decisions for older patients (pts) with cancer in Mexico. 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting. Chicago, USA.

Publications related to Geriatric Oncology
Research

An increasing number of research groups in the country address cancer in elderly patients. All university hospitals now have team members that are involved in this research field. Several national scientific societies listed cancer and aging among their research priorities, which enables funding from governmental sources such as ZonMW. Leiden University and Maastricht University have instituted a chair in Geriatric Oncology within the field of medical oncology and epidemiology respectively.

Nationally at least 10 PhD students wrote a thesis on cancer in elderly patients in the past year. Within the National breast cancer consortium the TOP (tailored treatment of older patients) consortium has initiated a prospective study of omission of radiotherapy in elderly patients with low risk breast cancer. The study has very good accrual.

Prospective national studies in lung cancer (Eldapt study: Deciding through geriatric assessment on the optimal treatment strategy), colon cancer (Aspirin study: Adjuvant treatment (stages 2-3) with aspirin) and breast cancer (Climb study: prospective cohort study in early breast cancer).

The national cancer foundation (KWF) and ZonMW have provided funds for studies of predictive geriatric markers in breast cancer (Portret study) and ovarian cancer (Gersoc study)

Education

Many educational conferences on cancer or cancer treatment have had geriatric oncology in the program. On the other hand, educational conferences on geriatrics often hold sessions on cancer.

November 2017: the 7th National Symposium on Geriatric Oncology was organized by the foundation for Geriatric Oncology in the Netherlands (Gerionne) with 300 participants.

Members of Gerionne contributed to many national symposia on cancer as well as programs of the national congress for oncology nurses.

The institution of chairs in geriatric oncology in Leiden and Maastricht enables further development of courses in geriatric oncology in the medical studies and allied studies.

Care

Geriatric screening has been introduced nationwide in colorectal cancer care. Geriatric teams increasingly contribute in the multidisciplinary oncology teams and within geriatric teams, specialization on oncology gains popularity. In several hospitals treatment plans for frail elderly cancer patients are now made by dedicated geriatric oncology teams.

At a national level several governmental and hospital organizations cooperate to improve individual treatment decisions in daily practice with the implementation of a care pathway that merges cancer pathways, geriatric and general health characteristic and shared decision making.
NEW ZEALAND
NR: Cristian Hartopeanu

In saying that though I would like to inform everyone that here in NZ the following are happening:

- At the annual RANZCR College meeting in August, GO will have prime time on agenda and there is a will for forming a national network; I will keep the group informed on the outcome;
- In August as well, our first clinician that went overseas for a formal fellowship combining oncology and geriatrics will return to work with us. He will attend the conference in Amsterdam.

SPAIN
NR: Raul Cordoba

- The Spanish Group of Geriatric Hematology (GEHEG) celebrated two meetings along the year, with one session slot to discuss about our participation in SIOG.
- This year 2018, we are giving a travel grant to one GEHEG member to attend SIOG annual meeting after reviewing the abstracts sent for SIOG18.
- We organized the 2nd Day of Geriatric Oncology & Hematology, with a final slide of SIOG.
- R Cordoba (NR Spain) has included SIOG guidelines and SAVE THE DATE for SIOG18 in all his talks along 2018, including ASCO18 (June 2018), SEHH18 (October 2018) and Saudi Lymphoma Group Annual Meeting (September 2018).
- R Cordoba organized a Preceptorship in Lymphoma at Fundacion Jimenez Diaz University Hospital, with a track fully dedicated to Geriatric Hematology, where SIOG guidelines were reviewed and workshops on CGA were conducted.
- Members of the GEHEG are working in a book chapter on Geriatric Hematology, highlighting SIOG guidelines and recommendations.

SPAIN
NR: Regina Girones

MEMBERS:
The number of members ascribed to our group has increased from 50 at the end of 2017 to 74 actually

I have tried to increase the number of Spanish SIOG members, although this is information that I do not have I have stimulated the attendant to TREVIOSO course, although it is really difficult to find financing. Although, I know that at least 3 persons had attended the course.
I hope the participation on the next SIOG event 2018 for Spanish members will increase, as I have stimulate member to send abstracts for the meeting

PUBLICATIONS:
2. Gironés R1, Morilla I2, Guillen-Ponce C3, Torregrosa MD4, Paredero I2, Bustamante E5, Del Barco S5, Soler G5, Losada B7, Visa L8, Llabrés E9, Fox B10, Firvida JL11, Blanco R12, Antonio M2, Aparisi F13, Pi-Figueras M4, Gonzalez-Flores E14, Molina-Garrido MJ15, Saldaña J2; Spanish Working Group on Geriatric Oncology of the Spanish Society of Medical Oncology (SEOM). Geriatric oncology in Spain: survey results and analysis of
MEETINGS:
- II SPANISH NATIONAL EVENT ON GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY: Valencia, 18th May 2018
- SPANISH SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY: 25th-28th SEPTEMBER 2018:
  - Oncogeriatric session
  - Meeting with the members of the Spanish Working Group on Geriatric Oncology
- XXX ADVANCED COURSE OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY FOR FELLOWSHIPS: Madrid 15th July 2018
- Elderly cancer patients: Is it worthy to treat them?
- 60 GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY SPANISH SOCIETY MEETING: Gran Canaria 12th-13th July 2018:
  - Screening for elderly people: until when, for whom?
- ROYAL MEDICAL ACADEMY OF VALENCIA: Special Session: Cancer and Aging Valencia, 1th February 2018
- XII SEOM COURSE OF SYMPTOM CONTROL FOR FELLOWSHIPS: Valencia, 20th of January 2018
  - Special Session: the Elderly Cancer Patient
- ASOCAM GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY MEETING: Madrid, 5th February 2018
- III GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY MEETING: Madrid 28th September 2018. With the attending and participation of Dr Enrique Soto
- II REUNION OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY, HAEMATOLOGY, RADIOTHERAPY AND GERIATRICS: Madrid 14th November 2018

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
There has been an increase on Medical Oncology physicians that are involved on Geriatric Oncology, creating new units inside their hospitals
Postgraduate and doctoral thesis based on Geriatric Oncology are now on going

INVESTIGATION:
CLINICAL TRIAL: Pembrolizumab in Elderly Patients With Advanced Lung Cancer. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03293680. On going

UNITED KINGDOM
NR: Kwok-Leung Cheung

PROMOTING SIOG
Appeal to join SIOG membership and to attend Annual Meeting in Warsaw in November 2017
a) Formal invitations were sent to the following national, regional and local organisations
(May 2018):
- Association of Breast Surgery
- British Association of Cancer Surgery
- Royal College of Radiologists
- Association of Cancer Physicians
- British Geriatrics Society (BGS)
- British Society for Haematology
- Expert Reference Group for Older People with Cancer
- Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- NHS England (Central Midlands)
- Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (surgeons, oncologists, gynaecological oncologists, palliative care physicians, cancer lead clinicians, geriatricians; including their trainees and allied health professionals in the teams)

b) Personal promotion to research collaborators in Hong Kong during and after an investigators meeting (March 2018)

INFLUENCING NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS
1. I continue to serve as a member of the Expert Reference Group on Older People with Cancer, representing SIOG.
2. In response to my appeal in ‘Promoting SIOG’, I was invited to contribute an article on the ‘Relevance of geriatric oncology and SIOG’ in the summer issue of the newsletter of the Association of Breast Surgery – https://associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk/newsletter-articles/relevance-of-geriatric-oncology-and-sio-g-by-kwok-leung-cheung/
3. While attending SIOG’s Treviso Advanced Course in Geriatric Oncology as a faculty member (June 2018), I grasped hold of the opportunity to connect with the students from the UK to discuss future strategies to promote geriatric oncology and SIOG in the UK. We have arranged to meet initially at the Annual Conference in Amsterdam.

EDUCATION
1. 5th Symposium on Primary Breast Cancer in Older Women, hosted by the University of Nottingham, under the auspices of SIOG – Preparation is underway to be held on 1st March 2019. Details are available from www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine/breastmeetings.

RESEARCH
1. Within my host institution (University of Nottingham), I continue to lead a research programme on ‘Primary breast cancer in older women’ with three streams: a) biology and clinical outcome; b) geriatric assessment and psychosocial aspects; and c) cost effectiveness of therapeutic strategies.
2. I continue to be a collaborator in a national multicentre study – ‘Bridging the Age Gap in Breast Cancer – Improving outcomes for older women’, funded by National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), UK.
3. As the Chief Investigator of a study looking at geriatric assessment and quality of life in older women with primary breast cancer, I have expanded the study to include a centre at the University of Hong Kong Medical Centre following initial discussion in March 2018. The site has since been activated and started recruiting patients. I have also invited the local Principal Investigator to attend the Annual Conference in Amsterdam.

SERVICES AT SIOG
In addition to my NR role, I continue to serve as:
- Chairperson, Membership and National Representatives Committee
- Member, Board
- Member, Executive Committee

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1. I have been, and continue to be, a member of the Cancer in the Older Adult Committee, of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Cancer
2. As part of the Alliance Cancer in the Older Adult Committee, my manuscript on the impact of weight-based dosing on toxicities (grade 3/4 hematologic and non-hematologic toxicities) and outcome in a CALGB trial of
adjuvant breast cancer chemotherapy (CALGB 44907) in women > 70 yrs of age was recently published in JGO.

3. A manuscript delineating practice patterns of CLL therapy in an elderly national Veterans Healthcare system database of CLL patients has been drafted, with anticipated submission to JGO in the near future.

4. Additional manuscripts in preparation focusing on the elderly population include:
   a. In conjunction with the Chronic Disease Research Group, based at Hennepin County Medical Center (Mpls MN), examination of a 20% Medicare (US) data base (2007-14) for practice patterns in the following NHL histologies: DLBCL, MCL, MZL
   b. Examination of a Truven data base to examine initial therapies for DLBCL, specifically to delineate what alternative non-RCHOP regimens are being utilized, and in what specific populations

5. Facilitate presentations on cancer in elderly patients for Medicine Grand Rounds and Medicine Research Conference at my site (University of Minnesota/Hennepin County Medical Ctr, Minneapolis, MN).

6. Mentorship of University of Minnesota Hem/Onc fellows with geriatric oncology career interests.

7. Continue to be a member of the Cancer and Aging Research Group (CARG).

8. Under the auspices of the Alliance Cancer in the Older Adult Committee, examine the toxicities of older vs younger DLBCL patients treated on CALGB 50303 (RCHOP vs dose-adjusted R-EPOCH).