SIOG 10 Priorities Initiative
Goal

- Develop an expert consensus document as to what are the priorities to improve the care of older cancer patients worldwide
- Communicate this document to political, sanitary, and research entities on behalf of SIOG
Priority domains

- Education
- Clinical practice
- Research
Education: 1

- Increase public awareness to the worldwide cancer in the elderly epidemic and the need for a specific approach
  - Political (Health ministries, international organizations)
  - Medical societies
  - Advocacy networks, media, to develop a more positive image of older cancer patients
Education: 2

- Integrate geriatric oncology in the curricula for medical and nursing education, both during studies and post-graduate education
Education: 3

- Address the shortage of specialist oncologists/geriatricians & allied health staff in geriatric oncology
  - Develop/support specific training programs
  - Increase/develop funding to foster academically oriented specialists able to address the populations not targeted by traditional oncology studies
Clinical practice: 4

• Develop interdisciplinary geriatric oncology clinics, especially in academic institutions and comprehensive cancer centers
Clinical practice: 5

- Integrate geriatric evaluation (comorbidity included) into oncology decision-making and guidelines.
Clinical practice: 6

- Address issues of access to care, including the needs of the caregiver
Research: 7

- Develop, test and diffuse easy screening tools to enable proper referral patterns to multidisciplinary clinics or integrated approaches between oncologists and geriatricians
Research: 8

• Create a clear and operational definition of vulnerability/frailty applicable in oncology
• Increase the relevance of clinical trials for older patients:
  – Require large phase III trials to oversample older cancer patients in order reach a meaningful percentage of their cohorts, and to build their analyses to provide results specific and pertinent to this population.
  – Extend phase II and III trials to patients with high levels of comorbidity or functional impairment with stratified accruals or extension cohorts
  – Design specific trials for older cancer patients
Research: 10

- Promote multidisciplinary basic/translational research on the interface of aging and cancer
Next steps

- Finalize the document
- Diffuse it to national and international entities
- Develop international and national applications