

# Specificities of oncology

#### Cancer:

- Means 200 diseases
- Kills more than Malaria + Tuberculosis + AIDS
- Involves:
  - 3 main disciplines
  - Extensive research
  - Numerous « organ based » specialities

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#### Cancer also means:

- Numerous sub-specialities
- Mosaique of professional associations
- Lack of recognition of professions
- Heterogeneity in training in Europe

### **Education** initiatives

### Cancer Organisations provide:

- Congresses
  - Specialised
  - multidisciplinary
- Trainings and workshops
  - Specialised
  - multidisciplinary
- E-learning
  - Specialised
  - multidisciplinary

## The Role of ECCO

ECCO – the European CanCer Organisation

- Federation of 24 European Cancer Societies
- Representing 50.000+ professionals
- Interconnective platform promotingcoordinating multidisciplinarity

## The Role of ECCO

- Gathering 3 disciplines and organ based
- Advance education:
  - international conferences
  - eLearning for oncologists and researchers
  - web section aimed at patient advocates
- EU advocacy (one voice)

### The Role of ECCO

- Framework to endorse the quality, value and recognition of Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- In 1999 the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) - to evaluate the quality of CME events in oncology.

#### ACOE

#### **ACOE Committee**

- Endorsed by ECCO
- Independent in its evaluation work
  - No conflict of interest
  - Own web site
  - Own network : UEMS & EACCME collaboration
- Committed to facilitate coordination between EU member states



