A Workshop for junior oncologists in any clinical research specialty area, to learn the essentials of clinical trial design

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Being a mentor in the Workshops has been the highlight of my career. There is nothing more gratifying than helping young, smart trainees put forth their best efforts to improve the lives of patients with cancer. Being a mentor at this Workshop is a true privilege.

Lee M. Ellis

WORKSHOP FACULTY

The listed Faculty are from the 2016 Workshop. Please visit: www.ecco-org.eu/workshop for updates on Faculty for the 2017 Workshop.

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NEW WORKSHOP FACULTY

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Having attended the Workshops several times as a faculty member, I noticed that everyone experiences this course as I did as a student in 2004. This is a once in a lifetime experience where you will learn how to perform clinical research in an unique environment with highly motivated students and top clinical researchers.

Stefan Sleijfer
THE ECCO-AACR-EORTC-ESMO WORKSHOP ON METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH

The ECCO-AACR-EORTC-ESMO Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research is an educational programme that introduces junior clinical oncologists in any oncology subspecialty to the principles of good clinical trial design. Beginning in 1999, this well-recognised and CME accredited Workshop progressed with each subsequent edition to reinforce its value.

WHY DO WE NEED A WORKSHOP?

The presence of a strong research base is essential to the future of good quality cancer care. Clinical scientists who are able to set up and run high-quality clinical trials are vital to the advancement of new therapies. The ultimate goal is to develop a robust, expanding base of well-trained clinical researchers by providing them with the essential training to conduct better clinical and translational trial designs.

KEY BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP

- Exclusive access to and mentoring by up to 40 highly experienced clinical experts in the field of oncology from Europe and North America;
- Exceptional opportunity to meet and network with an elite group of up to 80 junior clinical oncologists from all over the world;
- Outstanding educational experience in a unique setting conducive to professional relationship building, learning and development;
- Access to a variety of educational tools designed to enable participants to develop their initial protocol proposal into a complete protocol;
- Active promotion of productive dialogues between young cancer specialists and the European and non-European Cancer Societies;
- Establishment of a network for educational exchanges between young cancer clinicians worldwide.
SESSION OVERVIEW
The Scientific Sessions have been specially formulated to cater for all learning needs and will use one of the following four formats:

Protocol Development Group Sessions
These sessions form the core activity of this Workshop and allow students to complete the writing of their protocol by applying the knowledge acquired during the Workshop. Students will receive extensive feedback on their trial concepts from designated faculty within assigned groups comprising a maximum of ten students.

Meet your Expert Sessions
One-to-one sessions where students will have access to experts providing individual counselling and advice on protocol and career development.

Small Group Discussion Sessions
Sessions that focus on topics that are essential to the success of clinical trials and facilitating discussion on and around the difficulties and challenges of a particular type of trial. Attendance to these sessions is limited to maximise interaction and information exchange.

Lectures and Panel Discussions
Presentations by key experts on specific topics will provide participants with an overview of the design and conduct of high-quality clinical trials. This will be followed by a panel discussion during which Faculty and students can explore issues raised during the talks in greater depth.

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAMME
Session topics and schedule are subject to change; please visit: www.ecco-org.eu/workshop for updates.

Saturday 17 June 2017
12:00 – 16:00  Registration
16:45 – 17:15  Welcome and Workshop overview
17:15 – 18:00  Introductory Lecture Session
How to write the basics of your protocol
17:45 – 20:15  Protocol Development Group Session 1
Students present their study concepts. Faculty and students discuss the protocol concept sheet and the single key question in each concept proposal

Sunday 18 June 2017
08:00 – 09:30  Lecture Session 1
Phase I trials of chemotherapy and targeted drugs
Phase II trials (+ trials spanning phase I & II)
Phase III trials (+ trials spanning phase II & III)
10:00 – 12:00  Lecture Session 2
Basic biostatistics for the clinical trialist (part I)
Basic biostatistics for the clinical trialist (part II)
Choosing and measuring endpoints in clinical trials
Immunotherapy trials
13:00 – 15:45  Protocol Development Group Session 2
Faculty continue to guide students to complete their protocol concept sheets
16:15 – 18:30  Small Group Discussion Sessions 1-6
18:30 – 19:30  Independent Protocol Work
20:45 – 22:45  Meet your Expert Session 1
20:45  Independent Protocol Work
Monday 19 June 2017

08:00 – 09:00
Independent Protocol Work

Lecture Session 3
Integrating surgery in multi-modality trials – implications for design, endpoints and quality control
Special considerations in trials of radiation therapy – implications for design, endpoints and quality control
Special considerations in combined treatment trials (chemo-radiation) – implications for design, endpoints and quality control

10:45 – 12:15
Lecture Session 4
Prognostic and predictive markers for patient selection
How to implement biomarker questions into statistical design
Biomarkers & adaptive clinical trial design

13:30 – 16:30
Protocol Development Group Session 3
Faculty and students discuss protocol details

16:45 – 19:00
Independent Protocol Work

20:30 – 21:30
Meet your Expert Session 2

Tuesday 20 June 2017

08:30 – 09:30
Lecture Session 5
Role of pharmacokinetics & pharmacodynamics in clinical trials
Innovative methods for dose finding trials (modified toxicity probability interval and model-guided methods): Practical aspects of implementation

10:00 – 11:30
Lecture Session 6
Ethics and patient participation in cancer clinical trials
Patient-oriented endpoints/QoL
Pragmatic vs non-pragmatic trials: Addressing economic aspects of clinical trials

13:00 – 15:30
Protocol Development Group Session 4
Protocols are further discussed and developed

16:00 – 18:00
Meet your Expert Session 3

18:15 – 21:15
Group Activity

21:15
Independent Protocol Work

Wednesday 21 June 2017

08:00 – 09:30
Independent Protocol Work

09:30 – 10:30
Lecture Session 7
Research integrity and its effects on drug development
Data and safety monitoring and independent study review – regulatory and other practical issues

11:00 – 12:00
Lecture Session 8
Common errors in statistics
Practical implementations of a clinical trial

13:30 – 16:00
Protocol Development Group Session 5
Protocol finalisation and discuss funding and implementation aspects

16:30
Independent Protocol Work

Thursday 22 June 2017

08:00 – 09:15
Independent Protocol Work

09:15 – 09:45
Closing Lecture Session
Translating cancer research into targeted therapeutics

10:00 – 13:00
Protocol Development Group Session 6
Final protocol discussion

14:00 – 18:00
Independent Protocol Work

18:00
Workshop evaluations & final protocol due

Friday 23 June 2017

Departure
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications to participate in the ECCO-AACR-EORTC-ESMO Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research can only be submitted electronically.

For the online application please go to the MCCR Workshop website at: www.ecco-org.eu/workshop and follow the instructions on the screen.

Deadline for receipt of applications: Wednesday 8 February 2017.

MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates must have completed one year of clinical training at the time of application and be within five years of completion ofResidency/Fellowship training in one of the following disciplines:

- Junior physician specialising in oncology;
- Junior clinical professional managing cancer patients (i.e. urologist, gynaecologist, neuro-oncologist, haematologist);
- Junior radiologist or pathologist with a strong involvement in cancer care.

Have a major interest in clinical research and intend to develop a career in that field.

Aim to write and conduct a clinical protocol for a study not previously performed, nor written, which is also considered feasible within the institutional setting and the time of completion of the candidate’s clinical training.

Be fluent in written and spoken English and have good computer skills.

Have support of the Direct Supervisor/Mentor and sustained commitment in the years following the Workshop.

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Selection of Participants

Participation to the MCCR Workshop is limited to 80 participants.

The Workshop Review Committee will evaluate the applications and base its decision on a number of factors including:

- Quality and feasibility of the proposed protocol concept and the letters of commitment submitted;
- Individual career path in medical training and competence in clinical cancer research;
- Support of relevant departments and/or institutions to help conduct the clinical trial.

The Workshop Review Committee’s decision is final and whilst feedback about the application process is welcome, the Workshop Review Committee will not enter into any discussions regarding the final decision.

For further details on application requirements, the selection criteria and process, please visit: www.ecco-org.eu/workshop

Workshop Materials

As of May 2017, selected participants will have access to the MCCR Workshop Intranet, an online resource platform for all educational Workshop material. The intranet will also be used as a message centre and as a platform for all organisational aspects of the Workshop.

Participation Fee

In order to attend the MCCR Workshop, all selected participants will be required to pay the Workshop Participation Fee of 2,800 EUR (including local VAT).

All Workshop students will be provided with:

- Exclusive access to and mentoring by highly experienced clinical experts in oncology;
- Access to Workshop Intranet, the online resource platform for all Workshop material;
- Accommodation at the Workshop venue from 17-23 June 2017;
- Round-trip travel arrangements from closest home airport to Amsterdam or travel reimbursement as specified in the Workshop Reimbursement Policy for trips arranged by the participant;
- Food and beverages throughout the duration of the Workshop;
- Shuttle bus service from Amsterdam airport to the Workshop venue on Saturday 17 June 2017;
- Shuttle bus service from the Workshop venue to Amsterdam airport on Friday 23 June 2017.

Please note:

This Workshop is supported by generous grants from national, European and international cancer organisations and educational grants from corporate sponsors.

TESTIMONIALS

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Workshop Venue

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Application submission deadline: 8 February 2017

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