



Dear Colleague,

We invite you to visit the International Multilingual Core Curriculum in Psychosocial Oncology and enter a library of wisdom dedicated to the education of all professionals working with cancer patients including medical doctors, nurses, social workers and psychologists.

Key thought leaders and experts in the field have developed one-hour lectures on five important subjects in psychosocial oncology. These core programmes are presented in English and translated to French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Spanish. The translations, in each instance, have been modified to be culturally specific.

The intention is to forward scientific data in combination with knowledge and experience in order to strengthen the information about the psychological and social problems that cancer patients must face. During all phases of life cancer patients may be at a higher risk for a number of reactions, conditions and physical symptoms that requires highly educated skills to treat. Under the guidance of Professor Luigi Grassi, University of Ferrara, Italy, the International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) and the European School of Oncology (ESO) have produced a series of lectures, which can be accessed on the internet. These lectures are published in English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Spanish in an attempt to forward the important information to specialists all over the world.

It is our hope that this joint effort between IPOS and ESO will be fruitful in all aspects of the word. We hope that more knowledge and information will reach those professionals in need for this but also that cancer patients will benefit from the integration of psychosocial aspects in the care and treatment of cancer that hopefully is the result of this Core Curriculum in Psychosocial Oncology. More lectures will follow as we continuously develop this virtual source of information.

This work has been accomplished based on a generous grant from the European School of Oncology and by hard-working experts who volunteered to produce this Curriculum. We thank each of you.

For access to the International Multilingual Core Curriculum visit <http://www.ipos-society.org/professionals/meetings-ed/core-curriculum/core-curriculum-pres.htm> or www.cancerworld.org

Yours Sincerely,

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