

ESSO

Advancing Cancer Surgery. Improving Patient Outcomes.
Shaping the Future of Cancer Care.

40+ YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN CANCER SURGERY



ESSO AT A GLANCE



WHY PARTNER WITH ESSO?

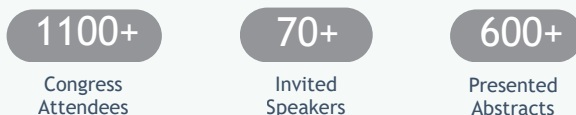
- ✓ Reach a global community of surgical oncology professionals
- ✓ Increase visibility among surgical oncologists
- ✓ Associate your brand with excellence, education & innovation
- ✓ Support harmonised surgical oncology training and equal access to high-quality treatment for every cancer patient
- ✓ Demonstrate commitment to improving cancer care worldwide
- ✓ Build meaningful relationships with current & future leaders

YEAR-ROUND EDUCATIONAL REACH 2026

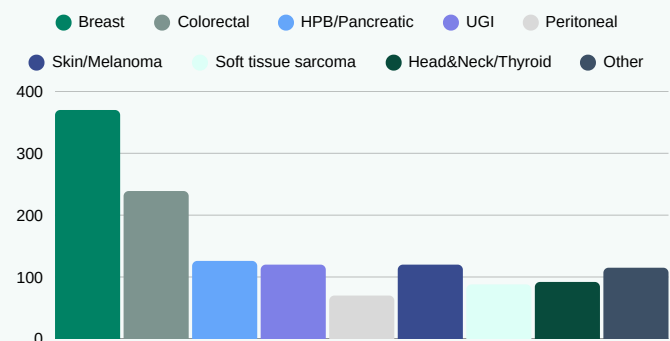


THE ESSO CONGRESS

The ESSO Congress is the Europe's premier multidisciplinary meeting in cancer surgery, bringing together surgeons, oncologists, researchers, healthcare professionals, and industry partners from across the world. It provides a unique platform for scientific exchange, innovation, education, and collaboration, showcasing the latest advances in surgical oncology and cancer care.



Delegates Specialisation



SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

ESSO supports young surgical oncologists through educational and research grants that provide access to specialised training, international learning experiences, and research development opportunities. Through ESSO Educational Grants, European School Grants, and Young ESSO Research Grants, we help our future leaders of cancer surgery.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



EDUCATION

PRIORITY: CONGRESS

OBJECTIVES:

- Enhance congress impact
- Extend congress reach and broaden target audience
- Increase value creation and value capture
- Nurture collaboration with industry and establish a different way of interacting

PRIORITY: TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

OBJECTIVES:

- Offer a comprehensive training in surgical oncology
- Provide a certification in surgical oncology
- Create value from fellowship programme

PRIORITY: BLENDED LEARNING

OBJECTIVES:

- Re-engineer the education and training offer
- Increase outreach and broaden target audience
- Increase & speed up the level of learning
- Increase the flexibility of learning
- Increase value capture



HARMONISATION

PRIORITY: RECOGNITION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

OBJECTIVE:

- Raise awareness of the role and importance of Surgical Oncology through relevant advocacy actions and material

PRIORITY: GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVES:

- Become relevant, timely and prominent on emerging topic issues
- Participate in multidisciplinary guidelines
- Raise the society's profile/reputation and become a reference for guidelines' surgical components

PRIORITY: SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES & RESEARCH

OBJECTIVE:

- Promote, foster and facilitate surgical oncology research

PRIORITY: DIVERSITY

OBJECTIVE:

- Enhance diversity, equity and inclusion and empower minorities



PARTNERSHIP & ADVOCACY

PRIORITY: PATIENTS

OBJECTIVES:

- Intensify communication and strengthen partnership with patients' advocacy groups
- Emphasise the shared decision-making

PRIORITY: MEDICAL ORGANISATIONS / YOUNG REPRESENTATIVES

OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen links with National Societies and Y-ESSO national representatives
- Foster partnerships with discipline-based societies
- Promote ESSO core curriculum

PRIORITY: POLICY MAKERS

OBJECTIVES:

- Raise awareness among policy makers about the key role of Surgical Oncology
- Engage with European Cancer Organisation activities
- Provide evidence-based advocacy

PRIORITY: HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase strategic partnership with those involved in cancer care
- Work together on harmonisation of cancer surgical care

GET IN TOUCH



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What is the value of surgical oncology as part of cancer care?

Surgical oncology is critical to ensure high quality cancer care

80% 

of cancer patients will require surgical intervention during the course of their disease

45m 

surgical procedures will be needed worldwide per year by **2030**

<25% 

of cancer patients actually receive safe, affordable or timely surgery across the globe



Cancers amenable to surgery are estimated to cause

2.7 million

years of life

lost to disability worldwide

Surgical oncology has multiple roles in cancer patients

Surgical resection remains the best chance of cure for solid cancers when diagnosed early



Reduces the risk of getting cancer as part of hereditary syndromes



Diagnoses and stages cancer



Treats locally advanced cancer & metastatic disease



Preserves quality of life and palliates symptoms

Surgical oncology can cure the most prevalent and deadly cancers, including:



Breast



Skin



Lung



Liver



Colon



Surgical oncology is cost-effective

For the majority of non-metastasised solid tumours, surgery is the most cost-effective treatment with the highest value for money

■ COSTS OF CANCER SURGERY
■ COSTS OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY



Surgical oncology is keeping pace with innovation

Research is continuing to refine surgical oncology technologies, techniques and processes to allow more patients to benefit from effective, safe, minimally invasive and cost-effective treatment



Innovations such as robotics, functional imaging and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are opening new horizons to enhance cancer surgery



Unlocking the potential of surgical oncology in Europe: ESSO's recommendations

1 Recognise surgical oncology as a specialty and harmonise education across Europe



Surgical oncology should be recognised as a specialist discipline in the EU



Access to high-quality and uniform training developed and delivered by surgical oncology societies should be ensured on a country-specific basis



Continuous medical education and certification of surgical oncologists should be standard practice



The recognition of surgical oncology as a specialty and the harmonisation of training across Europe would help:

Reduce disparities in qualifications, practices and outcomes

Address inequalities in access to high-quality cancer care

2 Support research and innovation in surgical oncology



Research efforts and funds should be redirected to local treatment of non metastatic disease, which will have a significant impact on survival



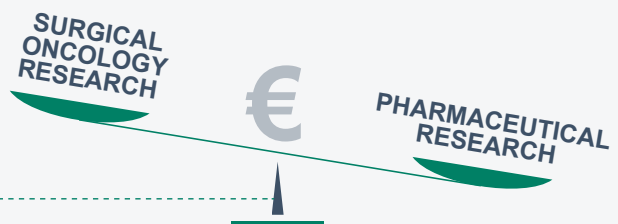
Innovation in surgical techniques, which allow preservation of function and quality of life in cancer patients, should be developed and evaluated



Strong involvement of surgical oncologists in developing optimal multimodal treatment regimens should be fostered

Despite its potential to cure, surgical oncology research remains **highly underfunded** compared with trials led by the pharmaceutical industry

Research funding



3 Promote the role of surgical oncology in multidisciplinary cancer care



Multidisciplinary care, of which surgical oncology is an integral component, should be provided consistently to all cancer patients in Europe



Surgical oncologists should lead multidisciplinary teams and coordinate the care of patients for a majority of solid tumours



Certification and accreditation of surgical oncologists and multidisciplinary cancer units across the EU should be harmonised to ensure a uniformly high level of care