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Cancer in the older population Geriatric Oncology and the SEMCO region. An Introduction. (SEMCO : South and East Mediterranean College of Oncology)

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- One of the Messages of SEMCO (South and East Mediterranean College of Oncology) cited in the occasion of the ASCO-SEMCO Multidisciplinary Cancer Management Course , 5-6 April 2007 - Cairo, Egypt was a call to pay more attention to cancer in the older population in The SEMCO's educational and training activities.
- And Today we are honored to present and to participate together in the 2nd SEMCO-ASCO- ASCOD conference with an advanced ASCO course on Cancer in the older population , 26-28 March ,2008 ,Cairo, Egypt. Also ,the conference will tackle clinical trials and the SEMCO initiative to enhance international scientific publications among mid career and younger researches.

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- **SEMCO** region is a wide region with different economic profiles and varieties of health problems and services.

Hence, in general, it could become an area of important studies in health and medical education.

- Cancer in the elderly is becoming an increasing problem in the **SEMCO** region. Although the problem is not accurately sized, cancer in the elderly has become a problem **today, and a larger one in the future**. So, Health professionals should be prepared!

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- **Lack** of studies and educational programs for different aspects of cancer in the elderly in the SEMCO region.
- There is **a list** of aspects and sciences related to Cancer in the Elderly e.g. **epidemiology, clinic-pathological studies, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, cancer management in the elderly and different treatment modalities, Palliative care, socio-economic aspects and Psychology of the elderly and before and with all... Oncology nursing!**
- Once again, we stress on the **multidisciplinary management!**

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- SEMCO raises the flag for the birth of *"Oncology and comprehensive Cancer care in the older in the older population with multidisciplinary approaches"* in the *South and East Mediterranean region*.
- We call authorities, Health and Educational bodies, organizations and colleagues in the region to pay more attention to this topic in the years to come.

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SEMCO with alliances and collaborators consider different aspects of Cancer Management in the senior adults in the **ASCO advanced course** of Today among its upcoming educational conferences and studies.(Thanks to ASCO)

Till our next SEMCO & Alliances meetings..... Wishing more progress for all of you and warmest regards.....
Thank you !

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