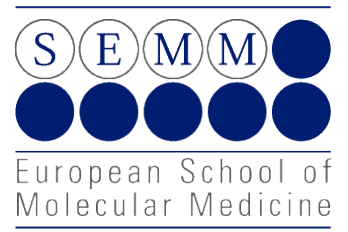


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in

Ethical Counseling in Oncology



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TOPICS

- Ethical counseling for oncological patients and clinicians
 - Basic and foundational principles of biomedical ethics
 - Basic and foundational principles of critical thinking in medicine
 - Medical communication to oncological patients
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TARGET

- Health care professionals (*physicians especially oncologists, pathologists and geneticists*)
 - Nurses
 - Bioethicists
 - Counselors
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INTRODUCTION

The daily activity of a cancer hospital is fraught with ethical controversies and difficult decisions to be made by researchers, clinicians, patients and caregivers. Frequently, these issues become entangled in moral values, religious beliefs, legal constraints, professional duties and medical guidelines, which add further layers of complexity to biomedical decision-making. As a consequence, those who have to choose could be in a sort of ethical decisional paralysis.

This situation has brought about the need of services for ethics support. Within this new and expanding landscape, we are proposing a Master in **Ethical counseling in oncology** aimed at providing participants with conceptual and practical tools for promoting – and dealing with – clinicians and patients' ethical concerns.

The Master resorts to the tradition of the ethical critical thinking and is based on the idea that an ethical counselor is a mediator between the ethical knowledge and the patient's or the clinician's needs, in order to help them to take the right choices for the patient's well-being.

A good and correct ethical counseling could be extremely important and helpful, without relieving oncologists from their responsibility or weakening patients' autonomy.

In pursuing this approach, the Master in **Ethical counseling in oncology** will draw the attention on the specific issues potentially arising from collaborative professional-patient relationships. Contributions from many European experts, working on a sustainable transition to patient-centred and participatory medicine, will be the central training of the Master.

The Master in **Ethical counseling in oncology** is thus expected to attract professionals and analysts from the oncological sector, including physicians, nurses, counsellors, social workers and patients' representatives. Our expectation is that of enriching participants' understanding of cutting-edge controversies regarding the renegotiation of individuals' – both patients and professionals – roles in the field of oncology. Most importantly, however, the Master in **Ethical counseling in oncology** wants to represent a unique opportunity for confrontation among all the participants, and will encourage their mutual exchange of ideas and suggestions.

If the enhanced role of oncological patients in the near future has to be regarded as a desirable goal, it is fundamental to recognise the importance of paving the way to its practical implementation. To the understanding and critical appraisal of this noble ideal, this three-day Master will devote all of its efforts.

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MASTER PROGRAM

27 October

Chair: G. Boniolo

8.00 - 8.30	Registration	
8.30 - 9.00	Opening	A. Costa, R. Malacrida, G. Boniolo
9.00 - 10.15	Medical communication	A. Surbone
10.15 - 10.30	Break	
10.30 - 11.45	Oncological communication	A. Surbone
11.45 - 13.15	Bioethics: approaches and principles	V. Sanchini
13.15 - 14.30	Light lunch	
14.30 - 16.00	Bioethics: dilemmas and disagreements	V. Sanchini
16.00 - 16.15	Break	
16.15 - 17.15	Critical thinking in medicine: the grammar of the correct thinking	D. Teira
17.15 - 18.15	Critical thinking in medicine: the construction of the good reasoning	D. Teira
18.15 - 19.45	Discussion	

28 October

Chair: R. Malacrida

9.00 - 10.45	Empowering oncological patients	P-A. Tengland
10.45 - 11.00	Break	
11.00 - 12.15	From oncological expertise to participatory oncology	G. Testa
12.15 - 12.45	Discussion	
12.45 - 14.30	Light lunch	
14.30 - 16.00	Medical humanities in oncology	G. Bernegger
16.00 - 16.15	Break	
16.15 - 17.00	Introduction to ethical counseling in oncology	G. Boniolo
17.00 - 17.45	Discussion	

29 October

Chair: F. A. Peccatori

9.00 - 9.30	Ethical counseling for oncologists and patients	G. Boniolo
9.30 - 9.45	Presentation of a case study	F. Peccatori
9.45 - 10.15	Discussion of a case study	V. Sanchini
10.15 - 10.30	Break	
10.30 - 10.45	Presentation of a second case study	F. Peccatori
10.45 - 11.45	Participants exercise	
11.45 - 12.15	Discussion	
12.15 - 12.30	Discussion and general conclusions	G. Boniolo and F. Peccatori
12.30	Light lunch and end of the master	

ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

Attendance will be limited to **30 participants**.

The registration **deadline is 12 September 2014**

Registration can be processed online at www.semm.it/master.php

The registration is **free of charge**. The Scientific Secretariat will contact you directly after the registration deadline in order to confirm your participation on the basis of the affinity with the target of the master. At the conclusion an attendance certificate will be provided.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

VENUE

SEMM Foundation c/o IFOM-IEO Campus
Via Adamello 16
20139 Milan, Italy

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation is not provided to the participants.
Some suggestions for hotels close to the venue:

Grand Visconti Palace Hotel (4 star superior)
www.grandviscontipalace.com

Best Western Hotel Major (4 star)
www.bwhotelmajor-mi.it

Hotel Garden (2 star)
www.gardenmilano.it

Bed & Bed in Milano
www.bedinmilano.com

INSURANCE

The organizers bear no responsibility for untoward events in relation with the participation in the Master. Participants are advised to take out their own personal and travel insurance coverage.

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