

# Educational Collaboration Opportunities and Challenges

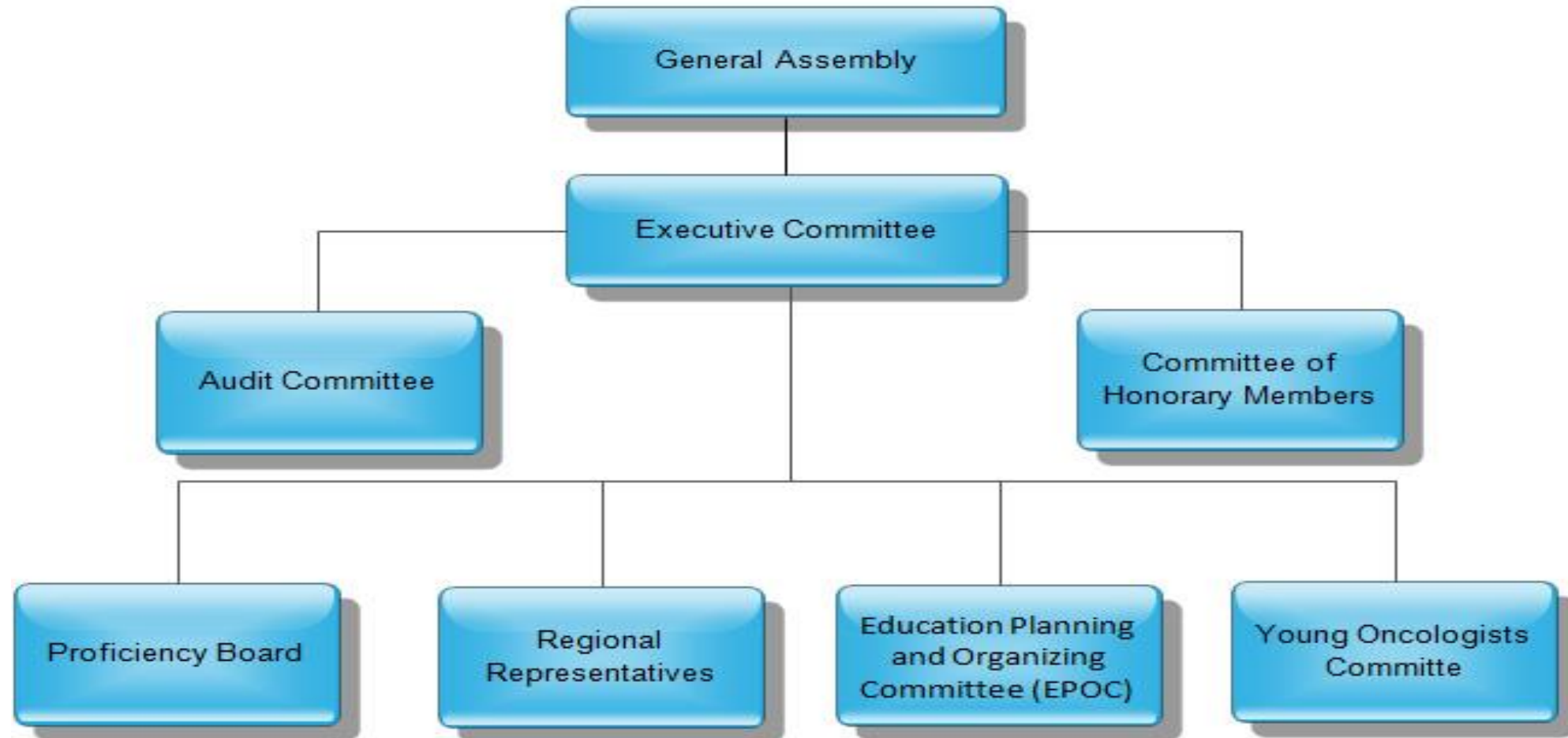
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- The Turkish Society of Medical Oncology (TSMO), established in 1997, is committed to advance the art, science, and practice of oncology in Turkey
  - The society is one of the most important organizations specialized in the Turkish healthcare system with thorough experience and extensive nationwide representation

# Organization Structure



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- TSMO performs studies for organization and standardization of medical oncology education and teaching in education and teaching institutions in our country and makes efforts for putting them into practice
  - TSMO makes scientific and technical collaborations with the similar national and international scientific institutions that make research about medical oncology and transfers related knowledge and publications to the members

# Medical Oncology Speciality

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- Medical Oncology is a 3-year subspeciality after 4 years of internal medicine training
- 600 medical oncologists including fellows

# Working Area

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- Academic positions
- University hospitals
- Government training hospitals
- Private university hospitals
- Private hospitals

# Proficiency Board

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- Regulates medical oncology specialist education
- Decides adequacy criteria prepares the fellow report card and makes board examinations
- Board Committee also certifies and re-certifies
- The board has organized 2 written examination which is organized centrally in conjunction with national examination and evaluation

# Accreditation Activities of Medical Oncology Training

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- Participating to CESMA meetings on behalf of TSMO
- The Regulation and Basic Standards of Training Accreditation of Medical Oncology Clinics
- Medical Oncology Clinics that giving education are re-certificated



# Accreditation

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- Basics scientific principles in oncology
- Molecular genetics
- Diagnostic methods
- Treatment and management of cancer
  - Surgical treatment
  - Radiation therapy
  - Chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy ...
- Palliative care

# Training Activities

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# Educational Planning and Organizing Committee

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- Education Planning and Organizing Committee (EPOC) consists of a chairman, elected by executive committee, and five elected representatives from 5 different regions of Turkey (East, North, South, Middle and West)
- EPOC makes the education programs and cooperates with the Ministry of Health to organize the rotation and education programs for the fellows

# Training Program

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- Vast majority of medical oncology fellows get their training at university hospitals and government hospitals
- Every medical graduate have to do compulsory state service at some time in their career

# Core Curriculum Training Program

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- The content of Training Program consist with the learning targets in ESMO-ASCO  
Global Core Curriculum for Training in Medical Oncology Log Book

# Medical Oncology School

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- Turkish Society of Medical Oncology has taken role in continuing medical education by organizing Medical Oncology School (MOS) is a 3-year core curriculum program based on ESMO and ASCO educational schedules
- MOS holds courses at weekends, every three months
- The aim of MOS is to standardize medical oncology fellowship education

# MOS Courses

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- Basics in Oncology
- Molecular genetics
- Diagnostic methods
- Surgical treatment
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# Training Activities

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- The educational presentations in these Courses are used in e-learning
- Courses and Young Oncology Meetings during the Oncology Symposium and Cancer Congress
- Multidisciplinary Regional Meetings
- Encourage of participating of fellowships to workshop and preceptorship programs organized by ESMO



# Award and Support Program

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- Research project support
- Publication support
- Abroad training support
- Congress and Scientific Meeting support
- Research award

# Meetings

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- ASCO
- ESMO
- NCC
- TMOC
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- ONCO-BRIDGE MEETING
- TURKISH-AZERBAIJAN ONCOLOGY MEETING
- EUROASIAN UROONCOLOGY CONGRESS
- LUNG CANCER PRECEPTORSHIP FOR GREECE
- ...

# Opportunities and Challenges

- **Opportunities;**

- Widening of educational activities in the regional area
- Regional e-learning activities
- Educational fellowship changing program
- Increasing the regional standardization of medical oncology training
- Advantage of endemic/epidemiologic point of view

- **Challenges;**

- Different Health Systems
- Certifying of educations taken in other countries by each National Health System
- Easy access to international oncological web sites
- Various courses (such as conducted by ESMO)
- Cost

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