

LAW CONSULTANT BUREAU (LCB)

Law Consultant Bureau was founded to consult the legal and bureaucratic issues. Updates about the latest changes in laws and regulations about practice of medicine in general, malpractice, education of medicine / oncology and about specific issues related with cancer care are shared with the members. For those members who have specific questions / problems, LCB also provides guidance and assistance.



WEB SITE

Our official web site is: <http://www.kanser.org>. In this webpage, information for public, patients and members can be found.

For health professionals, we provide news from the society, latest changes in laws and regulations about practice of medicine in general, malpractice, education of medicine / oncology and about specific issues related with cancer care, activities of the society, online education materials, some useful tools for daily oncology practice, and oncology clinical trials database that are active in Turkey.

Reports and views of the TSMO about specific issues about cancer can be found at this site. Also, opportunities of scholarship and Support Program for Research, latest news from the Law Consultant Bureau (LCB) and e-bulletin of TSMO are available online.

In public page, besides basic key information about cancer and its treatment, potential toxicities of treatments and their management, live issues are addressed in the light of best available scientific evidence.

PUBLIC POLICY & PRESS MEDIA AFFAIRS

One of the most important aims of our society is to provide reliable and independent information on cancer and cancer-related issues to the public via local, national and social media tools. This enables the community to develop an educational judgment. As a national scientific authority in field, the society also makes press releases and meetings whenever a cancer related issue becomes a dispute to clarify question marks in minds. We prepare and distribute written or visual informative knowledge about cancer that is easily understandable by common people via social media like facebook or twitter, our website or national tv channels. Close relatives of our patients are the major source of support for us. We, together, launch campaigns to increase the level of public awareness about the early diagnosis and treatment in cancer.

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CONGRESSES AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Turkish Medical Oncology Society organizes national and international meetings:

- Turkish Medical Oncology Congress (every two years),
- National Cancer Congress (in conjunction with The Turkish Radiation Oncology Society and Turkish Pediatric Oncology Society every two years)
- National congresses on specific cancer sites such uro-oncology, breast cancer, etc. are organized in cooperation with related associations.
- Medical Oncology Courses for continuing education every 2 months
- National and international multidisciplinary oncology symposiums and meetings
- ESMO and ASCO certificated courses
- Best of ASCO meetings (every year)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Turkish Society of Medical Oncology continues to maintain and enrich the education and research opportunities with the world's leading cancer organizations like ESMO, ASCO, EORTC, and NCI. The society is a member of UICC since 2012 and actively took part in the establishment of Mediterranean Multidisciplinary Oncology Forum (MMOF). In this regard, we would be more than happy to discuss educational opportunities for our young oncologists and common research platforms with international organizations.

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In pursuit of science for life...

OUR SOCIETY

Turkish Society of Medical Oncology (TSMO) was established in Istanbul in 1997. The society is one of the most important organizations specialized in a field in Turkey with experience and nationwide representation and it has wide connection with other international and national organizations. It is the major player in various training activities and research giving support for oncology. All of the medical oncologists are members of the society. The society is an excellent source of reference and support between the other oncology based societies not only for its members but also for its multidisciplinary organisations and educational courses.



Turkish Society of Medical Oncology organizes scientific national and international meetings. It prepares reports for the Government and Turkish Medical Associations to influence the established cancer care policy, press releases

for important public cancer problems, for instructions and regulations against medical oncologists rights.

The society also gives young oncologists the opportunity to go beyond the nation and get the global notion by encouraging and supporting them to attend international courses and take part in international research studies.

THE STATUS OF MEDICAL ONCOLOGY IN TURKEY

Medical oncology in Turkey is a 3-year subspeciality after 4 years of internal medicine training. Medical oncologists plan and give the systemic, palliative and targeted treatment for cancer patients, manage the toxicities of cancer therapies and the symptoms of cancer, follow and give support to cancer patients starting from the diagnosis to the end of life.

Medical oncology has the leading position among the other disciplines of internal medicine in Turkey. There are 450 medical oncologist including fellows. Currently, most of the medical oncologists are working in university hospitals or in government training hospitals. There are 200 specialists with an academic degree and 100 fellows. The number of medical oncologists in private hospitals and private university hospitals are still low in number but is increasing by the time. Most of the medical oncology fellows have their training at university hospitals and government trainee hospitals. Medical graduates have to do compulsory state service at some time in their career, and currently the number of medical oncologists in compulsory service is 75.

MISSION

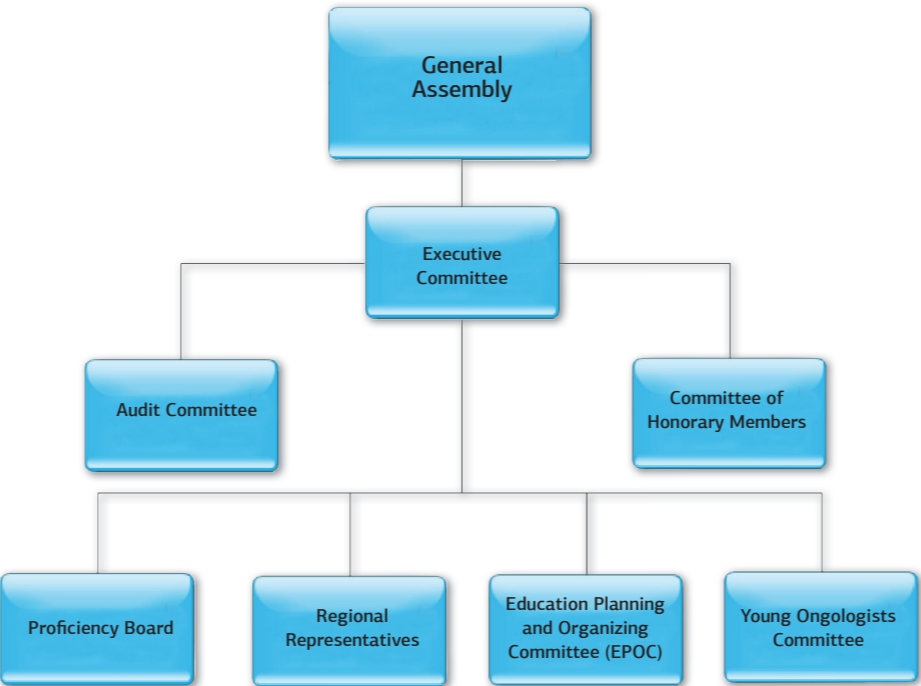
As a society our mission is to protect the rights of the medical oncologists, support the needs of the cancer care professionals, solve general problems of medical oncology, share the knowledge with medical oncologist, support researches and establish the cooperation between other specialities.

The society is committed to advance the art, science, recognition and practice of oncology. Besides this, in order to insure a high standard of qualification of medical oncologist we promote education in oncology. As a society, we assure that all cancer patients have access to optimal treatments and standard of care.



PROSPECTS

One of the prospects of our society is to improve the role of Turkish medical oncologist in fight against cancer. Another important one is to improve standards of undergraduate and postgraduate education and training. Our organization aim is to increase multidisciplinary collaboration and higher participation with the international cancer organizations. The society also remarks to increase support in cancer research. We are well aware that public is the most important actor and target in fight against cancer and therefore the society uses every single opportunity to increase the awareness of public about cancer.



YOUNG ONCOLOGIST COMMITTEE

Young Oncologists Committee, acts in parallel with the ESMO, the society has recently created a platform for its young oncologist (YO) members for giving them more active role in the society and give them opportunities to discuss their problems.

This committee also has role of looking for national / international educational opportunities, scholarships for YOs and to help those who need guidance in applications. Elections were made among the YOs under 40-years old. Four representatives; 1) for young oncologists, 2) for fellows under education, 3) for young specialists and 4) for those working in private hospitals were elected. All young representatives are actively taking part in board meetings, making suggestions and taking responsibilities with their seniors.

SCHOLARSHIP AND SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH

Turkish Society of Medical Oncology supports the research and the cancer projects of our members. Research grants, which are found to be essential for our country, are given every year.

We support the researchers who want to learn “know how” and want to participate in clinical and translational investigations. We give awards to our members for every SCI indexed article. Scholarships are given for abroad education and for important international cancer congress and courses. Details about the scholarships and the application process are available at www.kanser.org. To note being a member of TSMO is a must for application to this program.

In this regard, the society supports the members for 5 different options.

- 1) **Medical Oncology Research Project Support;** open to applications whole year. A maximum of 3 projects are accepted upon scientific qualification.
- 2) **Medical Oncology Research Grant;** given to the previous year publication performance of the investigators. High scientific quality for publications and credibility for the journals are expected from the applicants to get this support.
- 3) **Congress and meeting grants;** given to those specialists or young oncologists (once a year) who have first name oral / poster presentations at meetings like ESMO / ECCO / ASCO / UICC or AACR.
- 4) **Abroad education grants;** given to those who will attend a course / workshop / fellowship program in a specified cancer clinic. Successful applicants present a report about their studies on their return.
- 5) **Scientific publication support;** can be applied with the last 2 years publications. The amount of support for individual publication is shared among the authors upon predefined rules.

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