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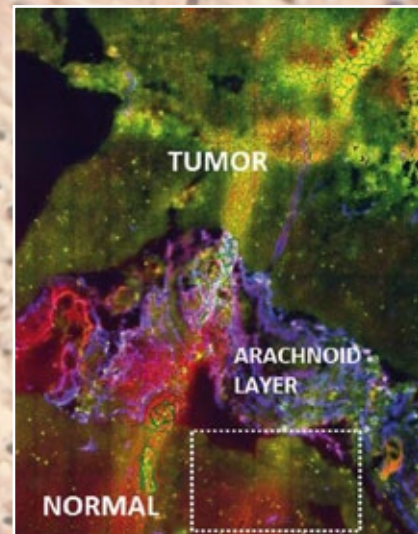
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## Introduction

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In this edition of *EANO Magazine*, the “Multidisciplinary oncology guidelines: report of the ECCO Forum Multidisciplinary Clinical Guidelines” are published and present the results of meetings by representatives of several cancer organisations. The aim was to define quality criteria to develop and identify high-quality multidisciplinary guidelines. It was decided that ECCO would not develop guidelines by themselves, but act as a “switchboard” to avoid redundancies, to review and endorse multidisciplinary guidelines fulfilling the quality criteria, and to disseminate endorsed guidelines. Last but not least ECCO will represent the voice of oncology guidelines at the EU policy level.

Guidelines are statements determining a course of action and are increasingly used in medical and oncologic procedures. The techniques to obtain guidelines are getting more sophisticated, and in addition to levels of evidence and good clinical practice sound quality criteria need to be available. Guidelines need to be adaptive to new developments and they must be feasible as well as acceptable to European health systems and stake holders, to be available and useful for individual patients.

The meeting of different representatives of cancer organisations has shown several important aspects: (1) different and diverse needs for different fields with regard to guidelines and (2) the different methodologies used and the already existing body of evidence for guidelines, which vary between the different cancer organisations.

Two other aspects are important and need to be developed further: (1) the multidisciplinary approach and also (2) the involvement of patient representatives, which is an important and long necessary trend which has been implemented in this document.

EANO is part of this document and fully supports this development. EANO’s open access journal publishes this document, which will be openly accessible or can be linked into any of the ECCO organisations.

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