

Specialist Cancer Nursing in Europe

Policy Analysis and Survey

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Specialist nursing is hard to define

I can't wait to guess what's inside.... The suspense is killing me

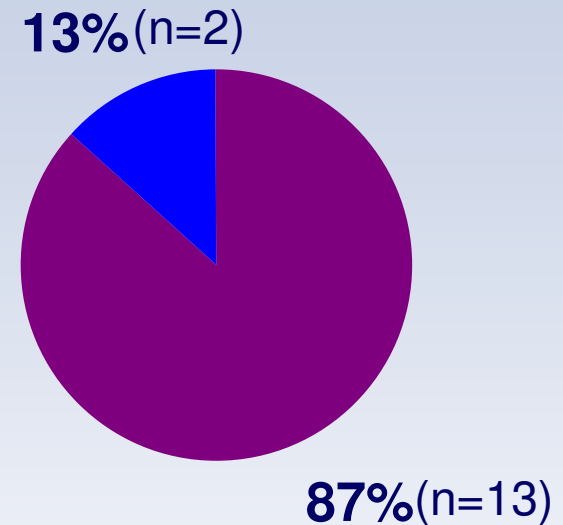
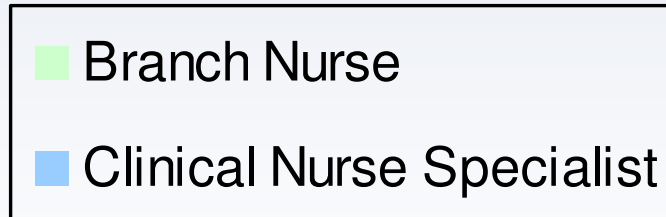
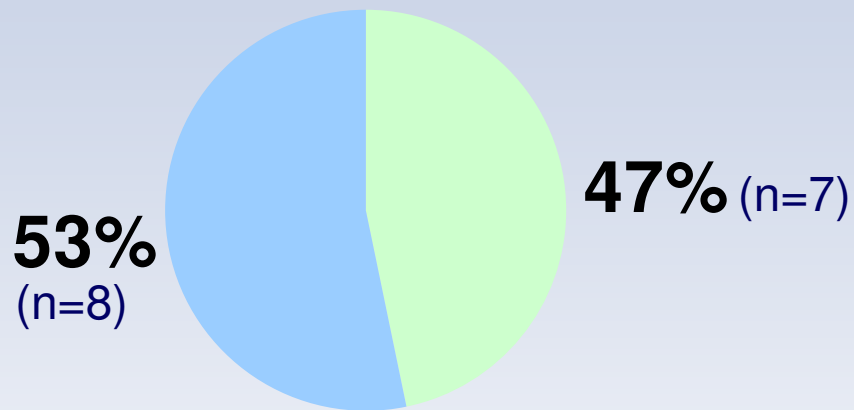


Definition of a clinical nurse specialist in cancer nurse from the literature

Entry requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General care nurse/ registered nurse / diploma in nursing - Post basic education (bachelor) or submit a professional portfolio
Practice experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two years nursing practice in a general care setting - additional six months in an oncology setting
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fulltime/ part time - duration between 12 - 36 months (depending on the kind of education) - education hours minimum 1600 hours
Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Master level
Characteristic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be deliver a therapeutic environment - Be aware of the needs of patients/ families in a culturally sensitive matter - Be accountable for their practice and work autonomously - To recognise the limits of their expertise - To provide patient focused and evidence based care - Be a Key member within the multi-professional team/ confident and competent to practice in a collaborative manner with all members of that team - Be confident to challenge practices or decisions that may be detrimental to patient outcome - Be value and be able to articulate to others the therapeutic value of nursing - To have in-depth knowledge in general cancer care and / or in a defined area in cancer care



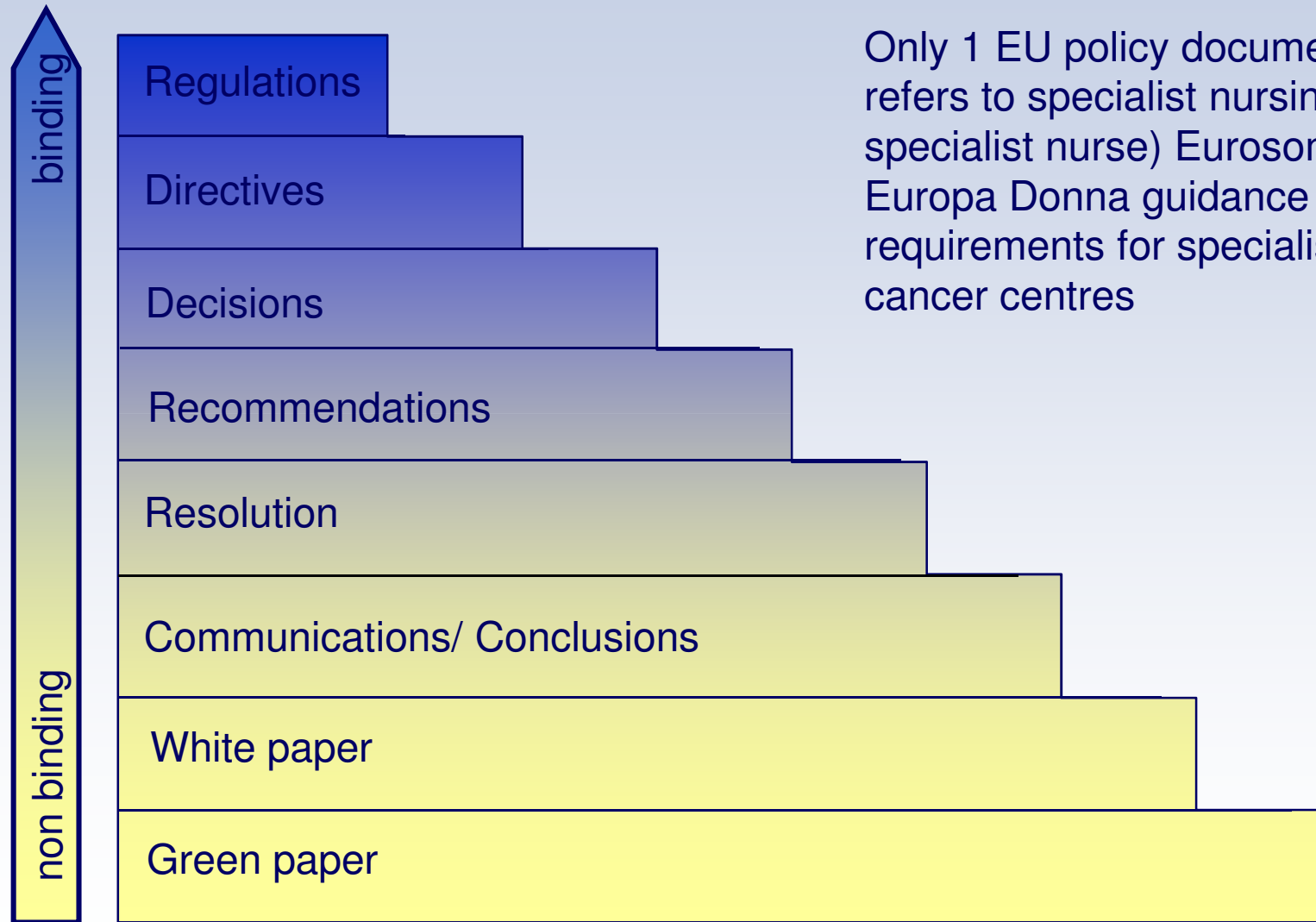
Historical perspective of specialist nursing in Europe (2000)



European Commission (2000) Study of Specialist Nurses in Europe



Hierarchy of European Union Law



Only 1 EU policy document that refers to specialist nursing (Breast specialist nurse) Eurosoma and Europa Donna guidance on requirements for specialist breast cancer centres



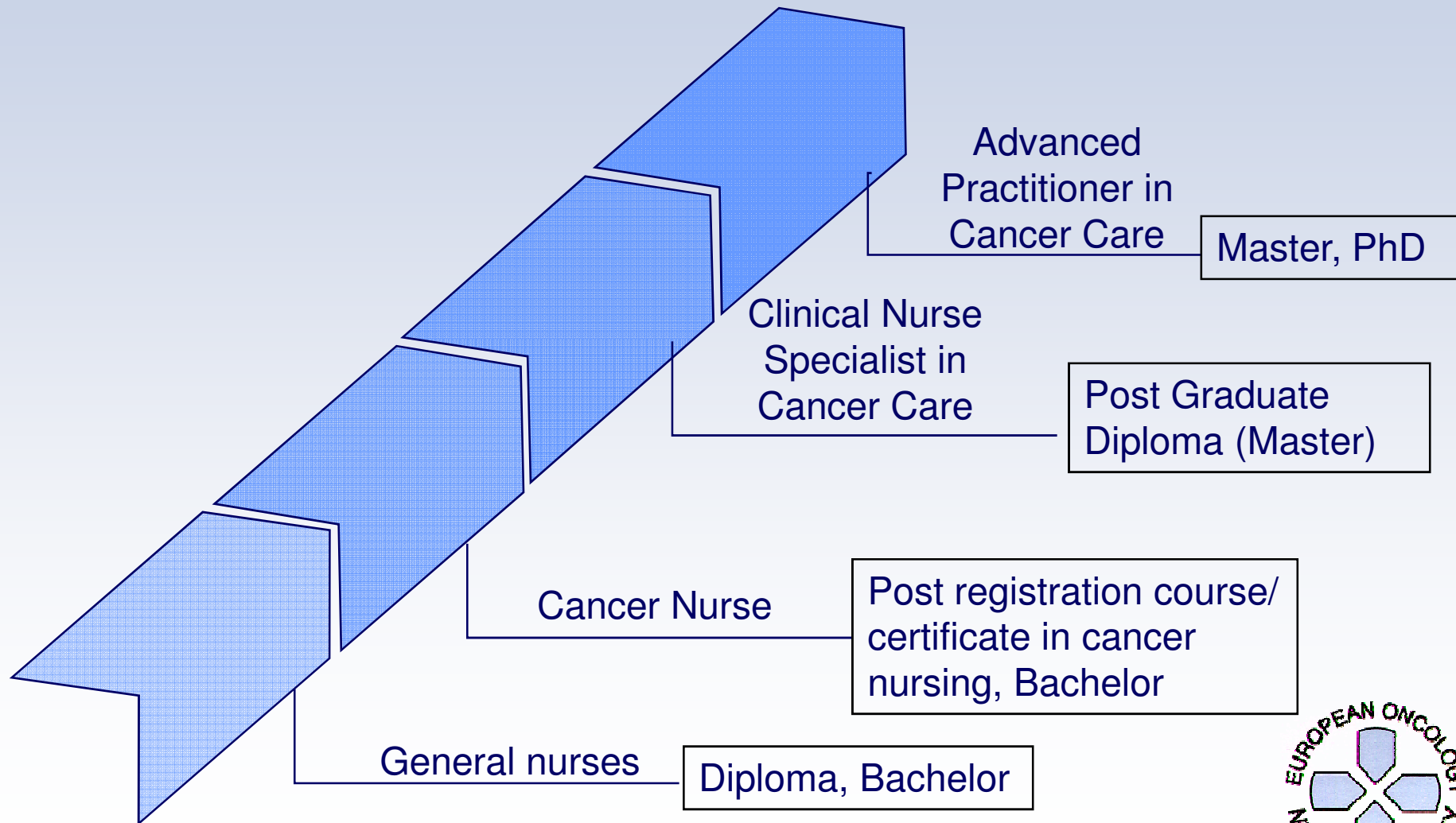
The status of cancer nursing – a European perspective

- Purpose was the identification of characteristics of nursing, work conditions, education, nursing developments issues
- Postal survey n = 22, responses n=20
- Post-graduate cancer nursing programmes were available in 16 of
20 countries
- EONS Core Curriculum for Post-Basic Cancer Nursing
- Positions for advanced practitioners at Masters level are available
in 4 countries

Glaus, A. (2001) The Status of Cancer Nursing – a European Perspective



Proposal of Professional Development Structure for Nursing in Cancer Care



EONS Project: Analysis of Specialist Cancer Nursing in Europe (2008)

Expected outcomes are:

1. Summary of current EU policy of nursing / specialist nursing in cancer care
2. Definition of cancer nursing roles and national legislation & education for specialist cancer nurse across Europe
3. Case study of differing models of specialist nursing provision from across Europe (for those that do and those that don't to compare)





Responses to the Questionnaire By Country





Study abroad Enhance Clinical Mobility

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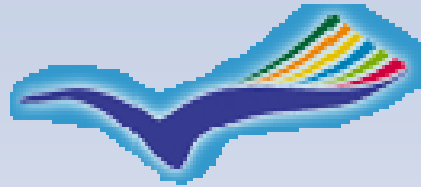
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ERASMUS - Benefits of a Special Program



1. Stand out in the job market
2. Get mobile
3. Life skills
4. Language skills



RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL (2006/962/EC)



Personal judgement

- high clinical workload, the lack of support and emotional burden
- need of support to keep on going
- excellent working conditions
- recapture the passion to be a nurse and to work with nurses
- highly motivated

*Thank You for these life
changing experiences*

