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Summary from discussion

- ▶ Education for European Cancer nurses:
 - ▶ Nurses in several countries in Europe do not get any education/specialization in the cancer area - They don't get the adequate training
 - ▶ Education in general nursing. If you have to get your specialization at university, it will be difficult for nurses in several countries to have the required level of education
- ▶ Some countries experience a problem that academic nurses can be "to push to wash"



Summary from discussion

- ▶ There is a general need for nurses to be educated at a higher level

Suggestions:

- ▶ EONS should make a policy statement with strategic directions for education for cancer nurses
- ▶ EONS should be proactive – approach EU: to change the EU directive on undergraduate nursing: to include cancer nursing as a mandatory module
- ▶ Directive 36 – about education – maybe a way through this directive



Summary

- EONS should prove with evidence that for high quality cancer care you need specialized cancer nurses
- EONS should put more time in the education for the undergraduate nurses and the primary nurses, when facing the future challenges
- Some countries do have problems with the education activities from EONS, because it is on a too high level – so EONS should make different levels of education
- In the policy statement do remember ALL countries
- Do remember to have achievable objectives



Summary

- EONS should explore every member countries Nurse Regulations, Cancer Plans etc. concerning education for nurses
 - EONS must state this for the public. So this knowledge is known, before EONS develop a focused policy statement
- In general EONS should have more policy statements
- Work together with patient's - ECPC
- The policy should reflect upon the patients view



Summary

- ▶ We should stand up and talk about what cancer nursing really is and show the complicity of nursing for the cancer patient. This is very important
- ▶ EONS should learn how to strategically argument – learn how to strategically influence – there is a tendency that nurses grumble, and don't have an overall strategic way to discuss
- ▶ Fear to get active, afraid of having too much to work and becoming responsible for proposed activities, afraid of the language barrier



Summary

- ▶ We should very much highlight how important we are and acting as the coordinator /broker in many area. We make things happen – we are the glue that brings things together
- ▶ EONS and cancer nurses should speak up in politics - take the agenda, not wait to be asked: to be more proactive

