

EONS Presidents report:  
*Nursing at the heart of patient  
care*



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# Highlights of the year

Getting to meet people

Congresses EONS Spring  
and ECCO 15/ ESMO 34



# Strategic goals

## Short term 2007/9

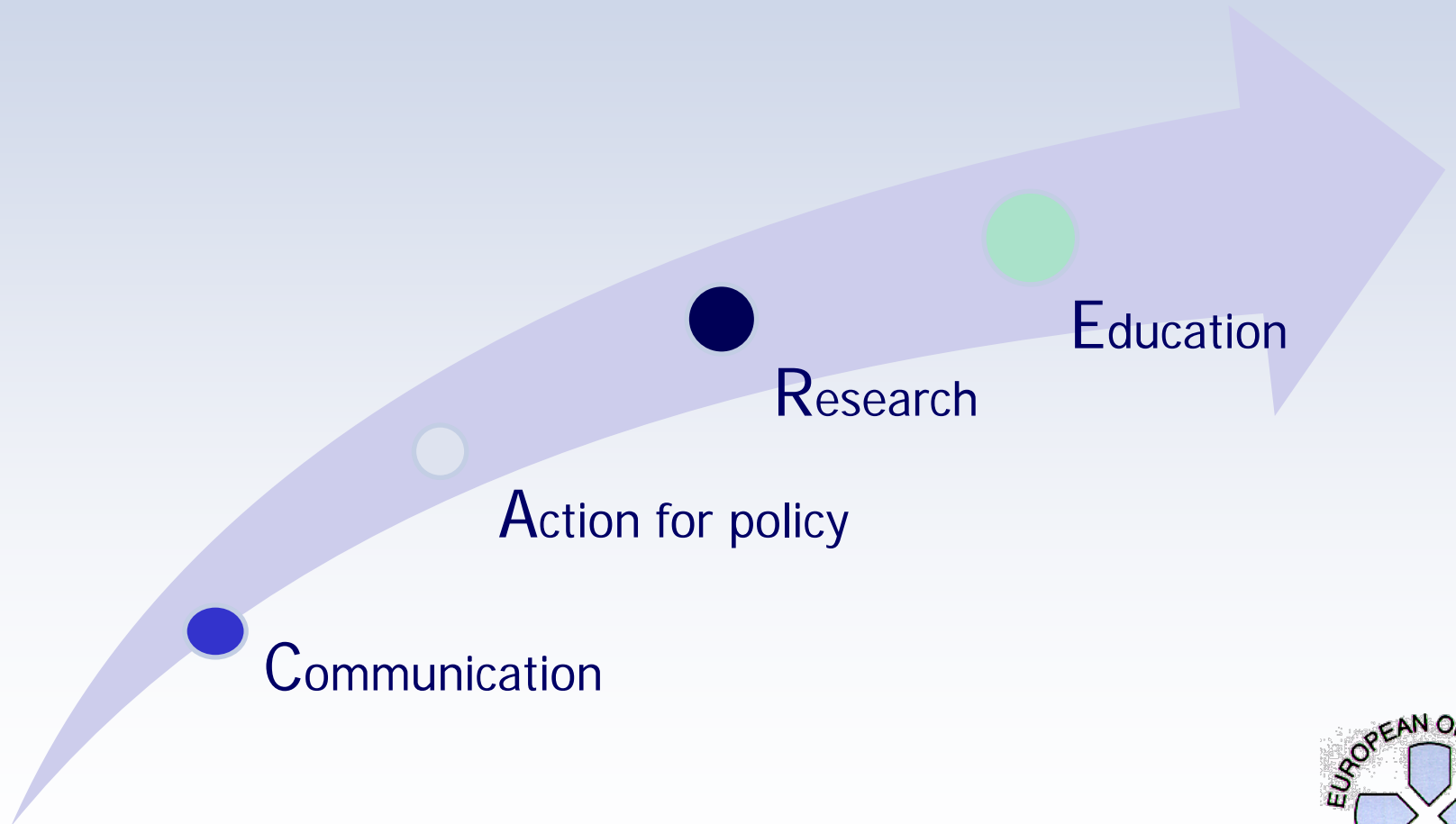
- Enhance communication with members and public: what do cancer nurses do?
- Transparency/ modernise the organisation
- Mentor new cancer nurses in clinical areas
- Identify competencies at both basic, specialist and advanced levels
- Enhance both specialist and generalist continuing professional education
- Analyse EU policies and provide summaries
- Enhance leadership of clinical nurses
- Fund more substantive research projects



# EONS Pipeline for innovation 2009

Activity	Need analysis	Dev.	Disseminate	Implement
Revise target		X		
Modernise office	X	X	X	X
Lung Curriculum	X	X		
Breast Curriculum	X	X		
PSA (EONS/EAU)	X			
E learning		X	X	X
Skeletal wellness	X	X		
EUSOMA/ EONS		X		
Febrile Neutropenia		X		
SIOPE/EONS			X	

# C.A.R.E strategy



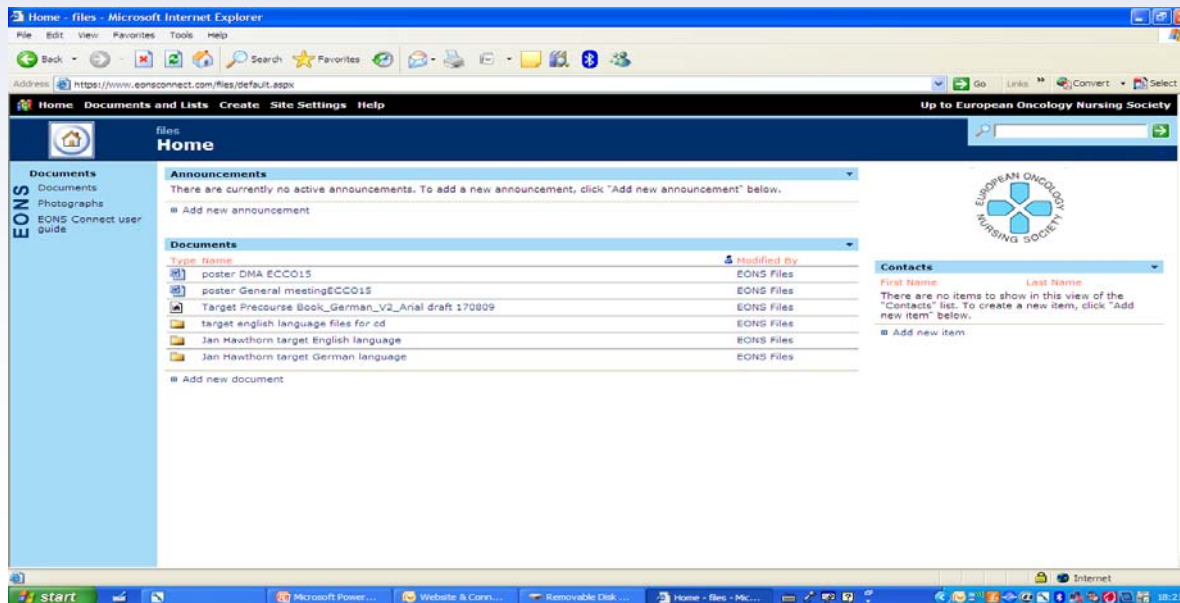
# Communication

## Professional look of EONS

- Newsletter & website
- Friendly profile
- Engaging more widely
- Ways of working

## Behind the scenes

- Improving office equipment
- Standard Operating procedures
- Byelaws and constitutions



# Activities on the policy agenda

- EU partnership against cancer
- Nurses represented in the cancer scientific community
- Raising profile at EU institutions
- Input into EU green paper on healthcare workforce
- Survey of specialist nursing within Europe
- Partnership links with ONS
- Active member of the European Federation of Nursing



# Research

- Capacity building through provision of research grants
  - Major Research grant:
    - Lena Sharp 2009, Sweden
  - Mentoring Grant:
    - 2009- not awarded
- Collaborative working FP7 application
- Projects: PSA



# Education 09

- ▶ Launch of the new curricula
  - ▶ Post-basic curriculum for breast cancer nursing 2009
  - ▶ Post- basic curriculum in lung cancer nursing 2009
- ▶ Accreditation for 6 educational courses 2009
- ▶ Development of online education  
[www.eonslearning.com](http://www.eonslearning.com)
- ▶ **target** re-development and launch
- ▶ EONS/ESO Master class 2009, Portugal
- ▶ Review of educational activity
- ▶ Innovation in coaching and mentoring



# EONS activity updates

- Prostate Project, PSA Phase 1 Nurses survey, junior doctors and Phase 2 patient survey
- Post-basic curriculum for breast cancer nursing:
- Post-basic curriculum for lung cancer nursing:



# PSA PROJECT

## three fold purpose

- 1.To highlight the training needs of nurses and young physicians across Europe (Phase 1)
- 2.To compare these with patients'/partners' views (Phase 2)
- 3.To develop and evaluate an educational intervention (Phase 3)



# Important role of the nurse

- Nurses can be key informants for patients in relation to aiding treatment decision making
- Sources of patient education and information
- Provide continuity of after care
- Provide an assessment of needs
- Offer interventions for symptom management
- Refer and organise packages of care
- Identify and manage psychosocial concerns



# Thanks to the team

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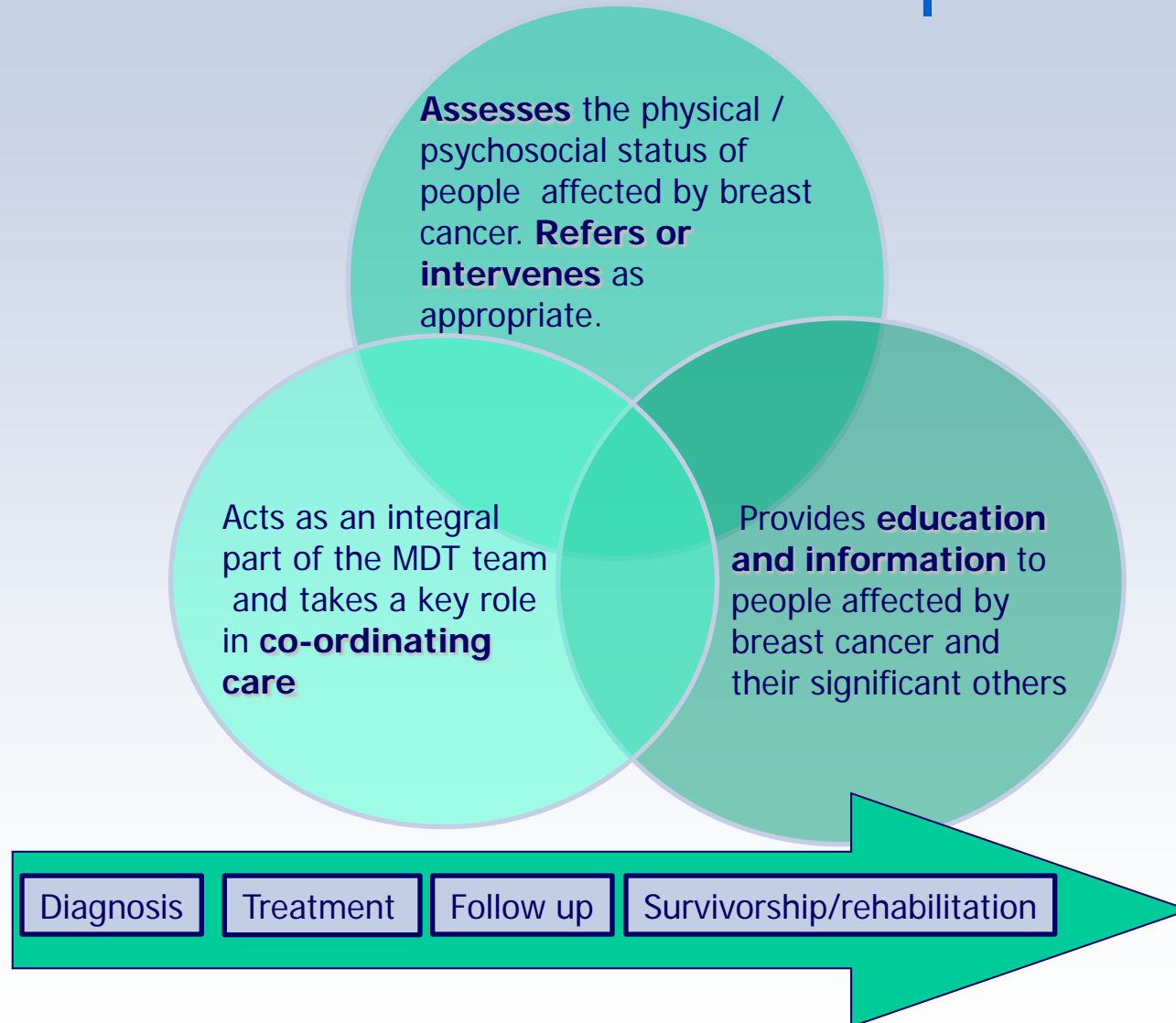


# Breast cancer

- Quality standards for cancer specialist units require a core team of specialists including Breast Care Nurses (BCN).
- To date, all over Europe, the competencies, roles and training of BCNs vary considerably between different settings and countries.
- The European Parliamentary Group on Breast Cancer and EUSOMA (The European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists) called for agreed European guidelines on breast care nursing and training.
- In response, the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) commissioned the development of a Post-basic Curriculum for Breast Cancer Nursing.



# Three dimensions of practice



# Implementation

- Single, flexible module at post-basic level.
- Can be taken with other EONS modules.
- Module should be taken up across Europe to ensure minimum standards of care for people affected by breast cancer.

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# Post-basic curriculum in lung cancer

1. Provide a practice-based educational framework for educators, managers and national cancer nursing societies of what is required from a post-basic or post-registration educational programme for nurses caring for lung cancer patients.
2. Enhance nurses' knowledge, understanding and practice skills in order to improve the nursing care and management of people with lung cancer.
3. Empower nurses to provide input into the multi-professional management of lung cancer including clinical research, practice, service delivery and policy development



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