

Strategic Direction

The 2010 vision

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The Mission of the EONS is



Helping you advance cancer care !

- The advancement of education of nurses engaged in caring for patient with cancer
- The relief of individuals suffering from cancer by nursing care



Challenges ahead for cancer nursing

1. Responding to the changing nature of cancer provision
2. Proving the value of specialist cancer nursing education
3. Defining and implementing cancer nursing standards and competencies across Europe
4. Understanding how nurses develop and cancer practice knowledge.

Faithfull, S (2008). Cancer nursing in Europe: where do we go in the next 5 years?



Responding to the changing nature of cancer provision

- ▶ The incidence of cancer is likely to rise as the European population ages
- ▶ Prolonged life with the disease, prolonged monitoring of those with cancer, greater rehabilitation needs & survivorship issues
- ▶ Increasing ambulatory provision of cancer care
- ▶ 80% of all new cancer drugs being developed are oral medication
- ▶ Shorter bed stays & more acute management in hospital

Berino F et al. (2007) Survival for 8 major cancers: results of the Eurocare4 study. Lancet Oncol 8(9) 773-783



Changing skills sets of cancer providers

- ▶ Public and community health professional involvement in providing cancer information and care
- ▶ Societal perceptions of cancer
- ▶ Greater complexity of cancer therapies: multimodality treatments, scheduling and advanced nursing roles
- ▶ Follow up and cancer surveillance (advanced practice roles)



Specialist cancer nursing education: what's the evidence?

- ▶ Impact of intensive nursing course (*Steginga SK et al 2005, ONF*)
 - ▶ Improved knowledge
 - ▶ Preparedness for cancer nursing
 - ▶ Improved attitudes and perceived psychosocial skills
- ▶ Communications skills training (*Wilkinson et al 2002*)
 - ▶ Enhanced nurses communications skills
- ▶ Short cancer and palliative courses (*Greatorex et al 2002*)
 - ▶ Perceptions of improved knowledge

Little evidence education, benefits cancer service outcomes



Evidence that specialist nursing provides enhanced care outcomes

- Enhanced patient self care ability
- Shorter times to discharge
- Reduced patient morbidity
- Variability in processes of care is associated with variability in outcome

Doran D et al (2006) Nursing Research 55(2S) S75-81

Kreulen & Braden (2004) Research in Nursing and Health 27, 97-109



Defining and implementing cancer nursing standards

- Inconsistency across Europe in how cancer nurses practice
- Lack of recognition of cancer nursing as a specialty
- Lack of qualification recognition, nursing (EU2005/36/EC)
- EU breast cancer and requirement for specialist nursing roles



Recognizing the role of experience

Nurses need to be able to:

- Know what they might need to know
- Work with the complexity of tasks and problems
- Make decisions under pressure
- Aware of priorities and strategic issues
- Identify problems and risk
- Team workers



Challenges for EONS

- ▶ Wide variation in content and specification of cancer nursing roles in Europe: can we meet everyone's needs?
- ▶ Making quality continuing professional development accessible across Europe
- ▶ Language barriers in providing education
- ▶ Raising cancer care awareness in a range of settings
- ▶ Lack of standardisation and recognition of professional development of nurses in many countries



Developing cancer nursing leadership

- Provide proof that cancer nurse education makes a difference
- Need to provide nurses with the skills to be responsive to change



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