

IPOS Cancer and Aging: Reflection for Elders (CARE) Special Interest Group (SIG)

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Mission of the CARE SIG

In response to the rapid growth of the aging population diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers, the mandate of the Cancer and Aging: Reflection for Elders (CARE) SIG is to promote global collaborations among researchers, clinicians, and decision makers to improve outcomes for these groups.

2021 Activities and Goals for 2022

The CARE SIG had not been active for the past couple of years. Due to increased interest and the recognition of the importance of focusing on the experience of older adults with cancer and their caregivers, we have re-launched this SIG in 2021. We had an initial meeting via Zoom on 9/17/2021. At this meeting, attendees introduced themselves and talked about their experience in working with older adults and their caregivers as well as their clinical and research activities in this area.

We identified initial goals for the CARE SIG in 2022. These included: submitting proposals to the next IPOS annual meeting as well and considering CARE SIG-sponsored webinars. Possible topics for webinars included bereavement, comorbidities and cancer in older adults, cancer-related misbelief or cancer as a family event. We also discussed interest in developing international guidelines for working with older adult cancer patients and their caregivers. Finally, we discussed the importance of focusing on cultural issues when addressing issues related to older adults and cancer. We plan to have at least two meetings of the CARE SIG in 2022 and will also develop smaller groups to plan SIG-related activities.

Member activities in 2021:

Estapé, T. Participated in the Symposium The many facets of cancer at old age: Attitudes and perception of cancer from the perspectives of older persons, health care teams, patients and caregivers, in the Congress of IPOS in Kyoto (online), with the oral communication: Negative Perceptions Regarding Cancer In The Elderly. Can We Change Them? How? *Tania Estapé , Iraida V. Carrion, Jordi Estapé , Raquel Vila. The symposium was moderated by Gil Goldweig and other participants were: Lea Baider as a discussant, Samantha Serpentine, Youngmee Kim and Gil Goldweig.

Parker PA and Korc B. Geriatric Oncology: Cognition and Communication A National Cancer Institute-funded training program (1 R25 CA217673) in geriatric oncology for healthcare professionals working with older adults with cancer and their caregivers.

Trevino K, Nelson C, Parker, PA. Psycho-oncology in Aging and Cancer Laboratory (PAC MSK): Interdisciplinary research at the intersection of psycho-oncology and aging. Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association annual meeting, 2021.

Current SIG members (name and country)

Elizabeth	Akin-Odanye	Nigeria
Evgeniia	Ananeva	Russia
Laura	Ashley	United Kingdom
Lea	Baider	Israel
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Carla Jimena	Castro Gomero	Perú
Isabel	Centeno	Mexico
Aishwarjya	Chakraborty	India
Miri	Cohen	Israel
Pnina	Dorfman Etrog	Israel
Maja	Erceg Tušek	Croatia
Loida	Esenarro	Perú
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Tamar	Kakhniashvili	Georgia
Dwipen	Kalita	India
Angelos	Kassianos	UK
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Shulamith	Kreitler	Israel
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