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What concretely has brought you to you the SIOG Advanced Course?

Oncology geriatrics is a new field of interest among Spanish hematologists and oncologists. The Spanish Society of Hematology (SEHH) created the Spanish Group of Hematology Geriatric (GEHEG) with plenty of educational activities.

Hematologists are not trained in geriatrics neither in Hematology fellowship nor in postgraduate courses.

Recently, SEHH has signed an agreement of collaboration with the Spanish Society of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology (SEGG) in order to launch joint teaching programs.

The aim of joining this year’s edition has been to improve my skills in geriatric oncology to implement them not only in my institution, but also to spread knowledge in the Spanish Group of Geriatric Hematology.

What has improved in your institution since?

Since the last SIOG annual meeting which took place in Milan in 2016, we have organized educational meetings and launched future projects in the field of Geriatric Hematology.

We were already assessing frailty with G8 screening tool before referring older patients to Geriatric Clinic for a CGA and comorbidity with CIRS-G.

Since the Geriatric Oncology Advanced Course in Treviso 2017, we have improved the following fields:

1. Geriatrician has joined the Lymphoma Tumor Board in a multidisciplinary team where all procedures and treatment strategies decisions are take in an individual basis.
2. We have started to collect data prospectively of CGA in older patients with lymphoma.

How do you intend to develop links across worlds of oncology and geriatrics in the future?

1. JOINT MEETINGS: SEHH has signed an agreement of collaboration with the Spanish Society of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology (SEGG) in order to launch joint teaching programs. In June 2017, the first joint meeting took place in Madrid at University Hospital Clínico San Carlos.
2. MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS: We have launched a group of Geriatric Hematology in 4 institutions in Madrid, where University Hospital Fundacion Jimenez Diaz serves as a reference center, so we work in a network which shares clinical guidelines and electronic medical records.
3. LECTURES: Hematologists must be in geriatricians meetings, and vice versa. Hematologists have been giving lectures at several meetings, workshops and congresses of national and regional societies of geriatric medicine.

Research plans:

1. Participate in the Spanish registry of Hematology Geriatrics, with the assessment of fraily and comorbidities scales in a 3-year prospective study among all hematological malignancies.
2. Validation of the GAH scales (Geriatric Assessment in Hematology) in lymphoid malignancies
3. Steering Committee in the organization of the 4th Workshop on Hematology Geriatrics in Madrid, on February 2018
4. Writing Committee of the consensus document of the Spanish Group of Geriatric Hematology