What Is the ESOU?

The EAU Section of Oncological Urology (ESOU) is dedicated to the topic of urological cancer and promotes education, research and integration of best practices in the field.

Our Scope

The ESOU covers one of the largest and most diverse subjects in medicine – oncological urology. Our scope embraces all aspects related to causes, detection, prevention, staging, screening, prognosis, non-surgical and surgical treatment of all the common adult urological cancers.

How can you participate?

If you have any suggestions regarding the content of our meetings, or any ideas on how the ESOU could contribute to the development of our subspecialty, do not hesitate to contact us.

Additionally, if you are organising a scientific event or developing an educational programme in the field of oncological urology, we are also welcome you to discuss the possibilities for cooperation.
Our History

The ESOU was established in 2001 as an official member of the EAU Section Office under the name of the European Society of Oncological Urology. In 2003, the ESOU organised its first scientific meeting. In 2009, the ESOU adopted its current title and continued to develop themes of evidence-based practice, reporting recent breakthroughs, rewarding outstanding European research and offering multiple benefits to the EAU members as well as oncological urology specialists from all over the world.

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Our Role within the EAU

Our work is aimed at the specialist uro-oncology community within the EAU. By representing the interests and addressing the needs of such a large group of practitioners we ensure that the latest evidence is publicised, that the most relevant information on best practices is taught and that the expert knowledge is shared across generations of urology specialists.

Our Mission

Our mission is to set a higher standard of education and higher standards of uro-oncological care of patients by intensifying educational activities and stimulating scientific research in the field.

ESOU Session at the Annual EAU Congress
Projects & Activities

We achieve our mission by working with clear and actionable objectives. These objectives are realised through a number of ongoing projects and activities. Many of our projects are a result of collaboration and we also strive to contribute our knowledge and expertise to the other offices, sections and separate initiatives within the EAU.

Annual Section Meeting

The annual meeting of the ESOU is one of the most successful events in the EAU calendar. Over the years, the scientific importance of the ESOU meeting has grown to become one of the must-visit events for urologists specializing in the field. This three-day event gathers over 800 people every year who are eager to review the state of the art in onco-urology and participate in the wide range of interactive scientific sessions.

ESOU Lectures at National and International Meetings

The ESOU regularly participates at national and international meetings. Next to the dedicated session at the Annual EAU Congress, the section is represented at many other top-level events, such as SIUrO Meeting and national urological congresses.

Contribution to the EAU Guidelines

Through its board members the EAU contributes to the preparation and updating of several cancer-related EAU Guidelines. Currently, Prof. A. Heidenreich acts as Chairman of the Prostate Cancer Panel, and others participate as panel members and reviewers.

STEPS Programme

Sessions To Evaluate Progress in the management of urological cancers (STEPS) programme is an initiative held jointly with the annual ESOU meeting. This initiative is an informal round-table discussion which enables young promising doctors with an interest in onco-urology and research expand their learning and professional opportunities.

Interdisciplinary cooperation

During the Annual EAU congress the ESOU organises a joint session together with the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Genito-Urinary Group (EORTC-GU Group), the EAU Section of Urological Research (ESUR), and the EAU Section of Uropathology (ESUP). This session provides the delegates with an in-depth overview of the interdisciplinary approach to the management of urological cancer.
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