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Is your Gynaecologist up to date with all Women's Cancers?

Government Austerity Cuts Across Europe Threaten Doctor Training

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Current European governmental health care budget cuts may create staff shortages amid increasing demand for healthcare services. Consequently the time and resources needed to educate doctors to keep up with the latest developments in medicine may become sacrificed for immediate patient care. The European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) helps to provide education for doctors specialised in women's cancer and informs healthcare professionals about the latest treatment advances in women's cancer. An Educational Grant from Boehringer Ingelheim, a leading global research driven pharmaceutical corporation, will enable women's cancer doctors to go online to study webcast lectures from ESGO 2011, Europe's landmark meeting on Gynaecological Oncology to be held in Milan, Italy, September 11th to 14th 2011. As the ESGO President Dr. Ate van der Zee highlights, online learning tools may be the educational approach of the future, given the busy schedule of doctors and nurses;

"ESGO is delighted that we can work with Boehringer Ingelheim to allow ESGO doctors to learn online. For busy doctors with limited study time, learning online and through podcasts is the future"

Said Prof. Dr. Ate G. J. van der Zee, ESGO President and Director of Gynaecologic Oncology at UMC Groningen, The Netherlands.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) is now a formal requirement for healthcare professionals in many European countries. ESGO's Education Partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim will mean that doctors and nurses can stay up to date, despite cut backs in hospital grants and study leave that are limiting the number of educational meetings healthcare professionals can attend.

With state-of-the-art sessions covering the latest science in women's cancer care, including developments in advanced ovarian cancer such as anti-angiogenesis, the webcasts will be an opportunity to learn from the world's leading doctors in gynaecological oncology. The online webcast lectures have a pre and post questionnaire to monitor learning progress and will be submitted for accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for CME (EACCME). This will be the first time that ESGO doctors will be able to go online to earn their CME credits with ESGO.

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About The European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO)

ESGO is the principal European society of gynaecological oncology contributing to the study, prevention and treatment of gynaecological cancer. Today, ESGO has members in over 30 countries in Europe. As a leading oncology society, ESGO holds a biennial meeting where over 1,500 experts meet to discuss the latest advances in Gynaecological Oncology treatment and care. In 2011 for the first time ESGO will submit recorded lectures for submitted for accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for CME (EACCME). If the accreditation submission is successful it will be the first time that ESGO members will be able to go online to meet their Continuing Medical Education training requirements.

<http://www.esgo.org>

ESGO 2011, Europe's landmark meeting on Gynaecological Oncology, will be held in Milan, Italy, September 11th to 14th 2011.

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If you would like to know more about continuing medical education for women's cancer doctors, or to schedule an interview with Prof. Dr. Ate G. J. van der Zee, please call

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