ESMO DESIGNATED CENTRES

of integrated oncology and palliative care services



Re-accreditation as a Designated Centre of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care Application

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1.	The centre is a cancer centre or oncology department which provides closely integrated oncology and palliative care clinical services.		
2.	The centre is committed to a philosophy of continuity of care and non-abandonment.		
	CREDENTIALLING		
3.	The centre incorporates expert medical and nursing care in the evaluation and relief of pain and other physical symptoms.		
4.	The centre incorporates expert care in the evaluation and relief of psychological and existential distress.		
	SERVICE PROVISION		
5.	The centre provides routine patient assessment of physical and psychological symptoms and social support and has an infrastructure that responds with appropriate interventions in a timely manner		
6.	The centre provides emergency care of inadequately relieved physical and psychological symptoms		
7.	The centre provides facilities and expert care for in patient symptom stabilization		
8.	The centre incorporates programmatic support of family members		
9.	The centre provides high level home care with expert back-up and coordination of home care with primary cancer clinicians		
10.	The centre provides respite care for ambulatory patients for patients unable to cope at home or in cases of family fatigue		
11.	The centre provides facilities and expert care for inpatient end of life care and is committed to providing adequate relief of suffering for dying patients		
IIQ	RESEARCH		
12.	The centre participates in basic or clinical research related to palliative care and the quality of life of cancer patients and their families		
	EDUCATION		
13.	The centre is involved in clinician education to improve the integration of oncology and palliative care		
If you have answered YES to ALL items above, then proceed to the Narrative Description section			

Section guidance: Narrative description for re-accreditation

- 1. Within the electronic form: submit a typewritten narrative description outlining any updates within your centre for each criteria.
- 2. For each of the criteria, limit your description to no more than 500 words. Do not use software such as ChatGPT, an external person or agency, or text from other sources to complete your application. Applications must be made in English.
- 3. Adhere to the numbered criteria structure, please do not add subsections or lists to your application, these will not be accepted.
- 4. Upload a letter of Continued Adherence signed by the Director of the Oncology Service and Hospital / Institute Director.
- 5. Please note that an application may not be accepted if it does not follow the guidance or does not sufficiently meet the 13 criteria.