Moving towards a more comprehensive vision of GI cancer

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The Gastrointestinal Tumor Working Group of the Spanish Society of Radiation Oncology (SEOR-GI) emerges as an educational initiative to improve the knowledge and diagnostic and therapeutic management of gastrointestinal (GI) cancer in radiation oncology. Composed of more than 40 radiation oncologists with clinical expertise in GI tumours, we are committed to developing both human and material resources to promote a high-quality approach to both medical practice and research in this field.

The main objectives of SEOR-GI are founded on the following principles:

1. To ensure a **high quality and up-to-date clinical practice** in the diagnosis and treatment of GI cancer focused on radiation oncology management. To achieve this goal, we have developed evidence-based clinical guidelines for each GI cancer, with special emphasis on disease/stage-oriented indications, decisions for integration with other cancer specialties, reviewing the key pivotal studies and giving standardised advice for radiation target volume definition. Additionally, we will offer an online service of bibliographic information describing the most important and updated published references regarding the topic.

2. To promote an **integrative vision of cancer care**. We aim to encourage the multidisciplinary management of GI cancer. A main objective of SEOR-GI is to spread this standard among practitioners of radiation oncology. To accomplish this goal, it is crucial to build on a solid scientific

and clinical background in radiation oncology specialties. Only in this scenario can we promote innovative and cutting-edge clinical proposals.

3. To conduct **clinical and translational research**. We believe that excellence in clinical practice can be strengthened by a structural organisation that encourages research at the clinical and translational level.

The key objectives of SEOR-GI are tightly linked with the formative and educational dimension of the working groups at SEOR. However, we aspire to go beyond this. We aim to build a scientific platform of knowledge on which the clinical practice and research on digestive tumours can be conducted according to the contemporary focus of updated oncology. This effort is only possible by working in open collaboration with other clinical and research societies interested in GI cancer, such as *Sociedad Española de Oncología Médica* (SEOM), *Sociedad Española de Oncología Quirúrgica* (SEOQ), *Sociedad Española de Hematología y Oncología Pediátricas* (SEHOP), *Asociación Española de Investigación sobre el Cáncer* (ASEICA), and other multidisciplinary groups.

In essence, our goal is to make available both scientific and human resources to practitioners and researchers in GI tumours, providing advanced knowledge regarding the contribution of radiotherapy as a dynamic component of management, with the hope of promoting more globally competent clinical and research programmes.

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