

# COLLEGE OF ONCOLOGY, 2016 -...

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## 1. Vision and Mission

In Article 38 of the KB 21 of March 2003, the different tasks of the College of Oncology are well described. In general, priority is to support *the quality of Oncology in Belgium*.

The basic idea of the functioning of the College is *multidisciplinary*. This reflects clearly the current management of patients with cancer. More than ever, the College needs to be involved in the *evolution/reorganization* of the oncology in Belgium.

## 2. Plan of activities for 2016

By the creation of a board, the idea is to make the College more flexible than before. The board is composed by the President (Marc Peeters), the vice-President (Simon Van Belle) and the Secretary (Ahmad Awada). In collaboration with the President they'll coordinate the daily activities of the College.

Until today, this board doesn't function. We need to discuss whether we maintain this board or just remove it from the organogram of the College.

**POINT OF ACTION:** absolute need for reactivation/redirection of this board.

Following priorities are on the agenda for 2016:

- In 2015, we published the vision text of the College on the (future) organization of oncology in Belgium.

**POINT OF ACTION:** organize the roundtable with all stakeholders in Q1 2016.

- Better integration of the activities and the visions of both, the College of Oncology and Radiotherapy.

**POINT OF ACTION:** rediscuss the collaboration between both Colleges and find a common interest for 2016.

- The Cancer Register is an important institution for cancer data. Recently, they celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No clear collaboration with the College was mentioned during that celebration. Strange!

**POINT OF ACTION:** invite Liesbeth Van Eycken to discuss a collaboration and to stress the common interest in quality of oncology care.

- Most of the tumors have published guidelines. The majority are developed in collaboration with KCE. Although the quality is excellent, the turnover time is too long. By consequence, the College needs to reflect on the methodology to develop

new and update older guidelines. Collaboration with Kankercentrum and KCE need to be investigated and a plan of action needs to be finalized. Some guidelines were already developed without the support of KCE.

**POINT OF ACTION:** to create a template of procedure for future updates of guidelines. To discuss with Marc VandenBulcke the possible support of the Cancer Center.

- Already in 2013 it was decided to put PROCARE - the quality program on rectal cancer - under the umbrella of the College. In 2016, the new PROCARE needs to be operational. This will be in collaboration with the Cancer Register.

**POINT OF ACTION:** make PROCARE2.0 operational by Q1, 2016.

- In the following years the College needs to work on visibility. For colleagues, media, patients,... it's absolutely not clear what's the role and the task of the College. Also, there's an absolute need to define which are the communication policies, the need to organize symposia,... In general, for important oncology questions/discussions such as on rare tumors, the College needs to prepare a clear vision integrated in a press release.

**POINT OF ACTION:** reflection on the visibility of the College.

- With further ageing of the population, cancer will persist to be an important health care problem for the coming years. In general, the quality of oncology care is high. The KB on the oncology care programs formed the base for organization and structure of oncology in Belgium and the Cancer Plan gave structural support for clinical, translational and scientific progress.

**POINT OF ACTION:** Already action plan 17 (stamcell), was recently stopped. The College needs to discuss the possibilities to maintain the other supports of the Cancer Plan.