

Symposium: Statistics in Oncology 2008

First announcement

The joint event by the Swiss Group for Clinical Cancer Research (SAKK) and the Biostatistics Unit of the University of Zurich is taking place on November 3, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the lecture hall, Hirschengraben 84, CH-8001 Zurich. It is organized by Jan C. Schuller (SAKK Bern) and Burkhardt Seifert (University of Zurich).

The symposium addresses questions which are relevant for oncologists and statisticians involved in clinical trials. This year's focus is on

Individualization and Standardization

The successful patient-doctor relationship requires a high level of individualization whereas the statistical analysis of clinical trials is generally done under the assumption of more or less homogeneous patient populations. This year's symposium highlights the apparent conflict, featuring talks by clinicians and statisticians. They will provide insights into the extensive experience of and interaction between experts with widely differing fields of expertise, such as medicine and statistics. There will be ample time for in-depth discussions. It is our goal to develop new perspectives in order to improve communication and thus facilitate clinical research.

Attendance is free and will be awarded with 3 credits (cat. B.) of the Swiss Society for Medical Oncology (SGMO). Talks and discussions are in German or English. Registration is open until October 15, 2008. Please register with jan.schuller@sakk.ch.

Definition of Statistics: The science of producing unreliable facts from reliable figures

Evan Esar (1899 - 1995)



Universität Zürich

Program

- 13.30** Registration
- 14.00** Welcome and keynotes
Dr.
Jan C. Schuller
SAKK Bern
- 14.05** Odds-ratio for a population versus odds-ratio for individuals in clinical trials
Prof. Dr.
Valentin Rousson
CHUV, Universität
Lausanne
- 14.45** Lebensqualitätsdaten in klinischen Studien: Statistische und klinische Signifikanz
Prof. Dr.
Jürg Bernhard
IBCSG, Universität Bern
- 15.30** Coffee break and discussion
- 16.00** NN
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- 16.30** Zwischen Individualisierung und Standardisierung
Prof. Dr.
Hanfried Helmchen
Charité Berlin
- 17.15** Plenary discussion
Chair: Prof. Dr.
Burkhardt Seifert
Universität Zürich
- 17.55** Closing remarks
Dr.
Jan C. Schuller
SAKK
- 18.00** Apéro

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