

NCODA'S GLOBAL MISSION: EXPANDING OUR REACH AND STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION ACROSS BORDERS

When we began planning NCODA's first **Global Oncology & Haematology Congress**, we understood we were taking an important step forward. What became clear in the weeks following the meeting is that we were doing more than adding a new event to



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the calendar — we were expanding the reach of a mission that has always been grounded in collaboration.

In March, colleagues from across the globe gathered in Dublin, Ireland,

for two days of focused education, dialogue and shared problem-solving. The conversations that began there continue today, reinforcing something we have long believed: medically integrated oncology care is a model that resonates across healthcare systems, cultures and borders.

SHARED CHALLENGES, SHARED SOLUTIONS

Oncology care is complex everywhere. While healthcare structures and reimbursement frameworks differ from country to country, multidisciplinary teams face remarkably similar challenges. Coordinating care across roles, managing increasingly sophisticated therapies, improving adherence, addressing access barriers and maintaining operational efficiency are universal priorities.

The Global Congress created space for honest discussion around these shared realities. Clinicians, pharmacists, nurses, advanced practice providers, pharmacy technicians and administrators examined treatment sequencing strategies, toxicity management, workflow design and quality initiatives. Sessions were intentionally structured to emphasize practical application — solutions that participants could adapt to their own practice environments.

That emphasis on implementation has always defined NCODA meetings. Education matters, but education that translates into action matters more.

LEARNING ACROSS BORDERS

One of the most meaningful outcomes of the Congress was the opportunity to learn from colleagues practicing in different healthcare systems. International participants shared how medically integrated principles are implemented within their environments — often navigating resource constraints, regulatory differences and evolving national strategies.

At the same time, U.S.-based attendees described lessons learned through value-based care initiatives, oral anticancer medication management programs and multidisciplinary workflow optimization.

The exchange was candid and constructive. Rather than focusing on differences, participants identified common goals: strengthening care coordination, supporting patients throughout therapy and ensuring that operational processes enhance — rather than hinder — clinical excellence.

We also introduced attendees to NCODA's quality initiatives, practice standards and educational resources in a hands-on format. The dialogue that followed provided valuable insight into how these tools may evolve as international collaboration deepens.

This was not a one-directional presentation of ideas. It was mutual engagement built on professional respect.

STRENGTHENING A YEAR-LONG RHYTHM

NCODA's Spring Forum, Oncology Institute and Fall Summit continue to anchor professional engagement within the United States. These meetings remain essential venues for multidisciplinary alignment and leadership development.

The addition of a global congress strengthens that rhythm rather than replacing it. Innovation in oncology care does not occur in isolation. Advances in

treatment, diagnostics, workflow strategy and patient engagement emerge from diverse environments. Bringing those perspectives together enriches our collective understanding and enhances our ability to respond to change.

Equally important are the relationships formed during these gatherings. Many of the connections made in Dublin will continue to inform collaboration, research discussions and operational refinement long after the final session concluded.

LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER

As I reflect on the inaugural Global Oncology & Haematology Congress, I am reminded that NCODA was founded on a simple but powerful belief: Multidisciplinary collaboration strengthens oncology practices and improves patient outcomes.

That belief remains unchanged. What has expanded is the scale of our conversation.

We are committed to continuing this global dialogue — learning from international colleagues, sharing best practices and refining medically integrated care models in ways that benefit patients everywhere. The energy generated in Dublin will inform future programming, partnerships and educational priorities.

Cancer care demands coordination, humility and a willingness to evolve. When oncology professionals come together — across disciplines and across borders — we do more than exchange ideas. We reinforce a shared commitment to patient-centered care and build a stronger foundation for the future.

That is the direction we will continue to pursue — together!

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