

# DANISH CANCER SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM 2016

## CANCER IN THE ELDERLY

### From basic research via translational research to clinical practice

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The Danish Cancer Society Symposium took place in Copenhagen 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The scientific program included 6 sessions as indicated below:

- Cancer in an ageing society
- Cancer biology and molecular biomarkers associated with altered disease and treatment outcomes in the elderly
- Surgery in older cancer patients
- Comprehensive geriatric assessment
- Oncologic treatment in older cancer patients “doing good without doing harm”
- Supportive care issues in older cancer patients.

The main purpose of the symposium was to increase interaction between young Danish investigators in the field of cancer in the elderly and international experts.

On top of the scientific program two additional events were organized to facilitate interaction – lunch with the speakers and guided poster walks. During the 2 first days the young investigators were offered the opportunity to have lunch with a speaker of their own choice – an opportunity which many took advantage of. It was obvious that many experiences were exchanged at these lunches.

During the daily poster walks twenty posters were presented orally to professor Martine Extermann and professor Riccardo A. Audisio, who had accepted the difficult task of evaluating all abstracts and posters and finally selecting the three Poster Award Winners. The winners were announced at the dinner on the second evening of the Symposium.

1. Jacob Krabbe Pedersen, University of Southern Denmark.

*“Declining cancer incidence at the oldest ages: hallmark of aging or artefact caused by lower diagnostic intensity?”*

2. Karin Dieperink, Department of Oncology, Odense University Hospital.

*“Three year follow-up data after RePCa – a randomized rehabilitation study among radiated prostate cancer patients”*

3. Maria Magdalena Buijs, Institute of Clinical Research, University of Southern Denmark, Odense.

*“Advanced polypectomy as primary treatment for colorectal cancer in elderly and frail patients”*

We have had many positive feedbacks from the young investigators, who appreciated this extraordinary opportunity to network within their research field.

We are grateful to the international speakers for spending 3 days in Copenhagen exchanging their considerable knowledge of different aspects of cancer in the elderly.



*Professor Martine Extermann and professor Riccardo A. Audisio evaluating one of the AgeCare posters.*

We thank the Danish Cancer Society for giving AgeCare this opportunity to organize this symposium

On behalf of the Scientific Committee

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