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Issues in training doctors in cancer medicine

- **The role of Universities**
- **The need for clinical experience**
- **The concept of Continuing Medical Education (CME)**
- **The independence of teaching**

The role of Universities

- **Crucial for the education of the future doctor**
- **Clinical teaching difficult to organise**
- **Interdisciplinary teaching too complex**
- **No involvement in CME**

The need for clinical experience

- **Clinical experience particularly important in oncology**
- **Critical mass as determinant of success**
- **Essential for surgery**
- **Developing the patient/doctor relationship**

Continuing Medical Education

- **Originated in the U.S. as form of control**
- **“Imported” in Europe via the UK**
- **The business component**
- **The lack of regulation within the European Union**

The issue of independence

- **The interference of the big pharma and others**
- **The role of private Schools of Medicine**
- **Universities should deal with CME**
- **CME should be regulated at EU level**