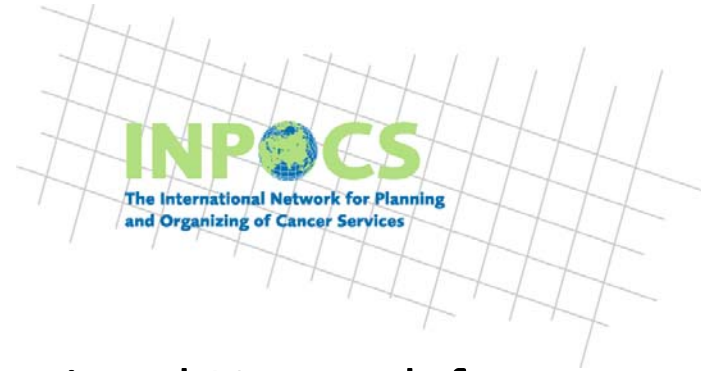




**INP****CS**

**The International Network for Planning  
and Organizing of Cancer Services**



## Agenda

- Introducing the network: The International Network for Planning and Organizing of Cancer Services - INPOCS
- Survey results
  - presentation of status in cancer care in 7 countries/regions
- An example of networking:
  - Patient involvement – Denmark learns from Australia
- Presentation of pilot webpage for INPOCS
- Discussion:
  - How can we share experiences and learn from each other?
- Future plans for the network



## Why this network?

- Worldwide there is an increased focus on the importance of planning and organizing cancer services to provide better care
- INPOCS aims to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and learning from each other
- The initiative of creating INPOCS was taken by The Danish National Board of Health and Danish Cancer Society



- **Aim of survey:**
  - to summarise the range of cancer activities in the network countries
  
- **Response:**
  - 7 countries/regions replied:
    - France
    - Canada and Canada Ontario
    - Japan
    - Holland
    - USA – Colorado
    - Denmark



## Survey questions:

- Organization of cancer services
- Integrated cancer care pathways (i.e. overall initiatives aiming at continuity in treatment/coordination across departments and sectors) etc.
- Patients access to cancer care from first symptom
- Patient involvement
- Quality improvement
- Major successes and challenges within the field
- Current themes with high priority in your country



### Schematic overview of international cancer activities - selected countries

	Denmark	France	Canada	Canada - Ontario	Japan	USA	Holland
<b>Cancer plan</b>	X	X	X	X	O	-	(X)
<b>Integrated pathways</b>	X	X	(X)	O	X	(X)	(X)
<b>Patient access to cancer care from first symptom:</b>							
<i>Screening</i>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	X	X
<i>General Practise</i>	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
<i>Specialist</i>	X	X	X	X	O	X	X
<i>Hospital</i>	X	X	n.a.	X	O	X	X
<b>Patient involvement</b>	O	X	(X)	O	(X)	(X)	X
<b>Quality measured</b>	X	X	O	X	X	(X)	X

O = initiative taken

( ) = not fully implemented



- **Conclusions**

- Same goals
- Different levels of development

- **Perspectives**

- Include more countries in the survey
- Publication of data



## Denmark learns from Austria

### Aim

- Learning about organization of cancer care and practical experiences

### Visit

- In 2008 the Danish Cancer Society arranged a study tour to New South Wales, Australia
- Delegates were key persons from Ministry of Health and Prevention, National Board of Health, Danish Regions, university hospitals and Danish Cancer Society
- Visits at National and State institutions, cancer hospitals, research units etc.



## Learning points: Patient involvement

- Patients as partners in own care pathway
- Patient representation in different committees to advocate the patient perspective in general quality improvement
- Recruiting and organising patient advisory boards etc.

## Results

- Inspiration to increase patient involvement in the Danish Health Care system
- Specific projects on patient involvement in cancer patient safety
- The National Board of Health and the Danish Cancer Society are paying increasing attention to patient involvement



## How to get INPOCS living?

- Sharing knowledge
  - A web site as the entrance to getting knowledge and asking questions
  - Contact addresses makes it easy to find the "right person"
  - Join an initial survey on planning and organization of cancer in different countries
- Active participating
  - Giving and taking from participants
  - Newsletters with new information and question
- Your input!
  - Take part in the discussion
  - Visit [www.inpocs.org](http://www.inpocs.org)



# Conclusions

- To share knowledge
  - Mutual expectations in the network
    - Communication through [www.inpocs.org](http://www.inpocs.org)
      - Announce new projects
      - Share relevant publications
      - Search information
    - Include more countries in the survey
    - Field visits
  - Function of secretariat
    - Maintain [www.inpocs.org](http://www.inpocs.org)
    - Arrangement of annual meetings at the ISQua conference

**INPOCS is DEPENDENT on your active contribution!**



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*Director of International Health Policy Programme and Senior lecturer  
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Professor Mike Richards

*National Cancer Director  
UK National Health Services*

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