

Gunnar Saeter

Personal Details

YOB: 1954.

Nationality: Norwegian.

Board Certified Speciality: Medical Oncology and Radiotherapy (1990).

Current appointments:

Head of Research, Oslo University Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Professor, Institute for Clinical Medicine, University of Oslo.

Education and previous job appointments

1979: M.D. from The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Dublin).

1989: Ph. D. degree with the thesis "Cell Proliferation and Tumour Promotion in Experimental and Human Carcinogenesis" (University of Oslo).

1990 - 2000: Consultant Medical Oncologist and Radiotherapist, Division of Sarcoma and Urogenital Cancer, Dept. of Medical Oncology and Radiotherapy, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo.

1993 - 2000: Section Head, Sarcomas and Urogenital Cancer, Dept. of Medical Oncology and Radiotherapy, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo.

2000 - 2006: Head, Department of Medical Oncology, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo.

2004 - 2006: Associate Professor of Oncology, University of Oslo.

2006 - 2009: Chief Physician and Medical Director, Ulleval University Hospital, Oslo.

2009-2013: Four successive senior positions in Merck Inc. (MSD): Medical Director for Norway; Regional Research Director for Scandinavia; Regional Director of Medical Affairs for Oncology in Europe, Canada, Middle East & Africa; Global Director of Scientific Affairs, Merck Oncology (Headquarter position in USA).

2013 - 2016: Head and Professor, Institute for Cancer Research, Oslo University Hospital.

Research Activities

Principal research interests:

- The carcinogenic process with liver carcinogenesis as the model
- The tumour biology, genomics and cell signaling of sarcomas
- Clinical trials in the treatment of sarcomas
- New drug development across tumor types, including novel trial designs
- Immunotherapy (including Check point inhibition and adaptive cell therapies)

1984 - 1987: Research Fellow of The Norwegian Cancer Society at Dept. of Tissue Culture, Institute for Cancer Research, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo.

Project: Experimental and Human Liver Carcinogenesis.

1986 and 1987: Guest Researcher at The National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan. Project: The Cell Biology of Human Hepatocellular Carcinoma.

1988 - 2000: Clinical Research Coordinator of The Scandinavian Sarcoma Group (SSG).

Included PI role for 6 international multicenter cooperative studies.

1993 – 2000: Secretary of The Scandinavian Sarcoma Group.

Responsibility for strategy, organization & guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of bone and soft tissue tumours in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

2003-2008: European Expert Evaluator for research applications to the EU 6th Framework Program. Involved both project proposal evaluations and mid-term reviews.

Ph.D. Mentorship

Mentor for 6 completed Ph.D. degrees.

Opponent at 3 Ph.D. dissertations at the University of Lund, Sweden and The University of Oslo.

Innovations

Initiator and Leadership of the development a novel IT application for dosage, ordination, pharmacy production, administration, reporting and quality assurance of chemotherapy ("Cytodose"). The application "Cytodose" has been commercialized and is in use in multiple cancer centres in Norway and Sweden.

Academic and Professional Societies

Official functions and Board positions:

- Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). Chair of the Accreditation and Designation Committee for European Cancer Centres from 2014 (ongoing)
- Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). Board member from 2014 (ongoing)
- Oslo Cancer Cluster (OCC). Board member 2008-2009 and from 2014 (ongoing)
- European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO). Faculty Member 2004-2006.
- ECCO Oncopolicy Committee member from 2016 (ongoing)
- Scientific Committee member for ECCO 2017.

Scientific Publications

89 original peer-reviewed publications listed in PubMed.

32 other publications including reviews, book chapters, monographs and popular papers (abstracts not included).

H-index 30.