

BIOGRAPY

Dr. Razvan Andrei Popescu has trained in Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology and Hematology, obtaining specializations in Switzerland and the UK, following his graduation in 1989, a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Basel in 1990 and a post-graduate Molecular Oncology fellowship in Canada (1990-1992). He became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) of London following the MRCP examination in 1996. Dr. Popescu founded and is Head of Medical Oncology and Co-Chair of the Tumor Center Aarau and heads Medical Oncology at the Hirslanden Clinic in Aarau, Switzerland.

He is particularly interested in and has extensive clinical experience in gastro-intestinal, breast, gynecologic and uro-genital cancers, supportive/ palliative care and treatment of elderly patients with cancer. He received formal training in palliative care (palliative care clinics and courses) as part of his UK Oncology training. He has been Co-President of palliative-aargau (www.palliative-aargau.ch), the Palliative Care Society of Kanton Aargau, Switzerland since 2013 and actively promotes early integration of Oncology and Palliative Care. The Tumor Zentrum Aarau was recognized as the second European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) Designated Center of Integrated Oncology and Palliative Care in German-speaking Switzerland in 2013. He is an active member of MASCC.

He has contributed to the design of clinical trials in Hodgkin's disease, breast, colorectal, esophageal, bladder cancer and melanoma, and participated in the first ASCO –AACR –FECs Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research in Flims. He was a co-founder of the Flims Alumni Club (FAC), the interdisciplinary European association of young oncologists and researchers, focused among other goals on clinical trial methodology. Dr. Popescu served as the Flims Alumni Club's first Treasurer and was its President 2003-2007.

Dr Popescu has helped organize symposia within ESMO, ESTRO, EACR and ECCO congresses, has contributed to various ESMO activities as a Faculty Member (among others for clinical trial design, Geriatric Oncology, Supportive and Palliative Care, Oncopolicy etc.) and has served as Deputy Director or Scientific Coordinator for the European School of Oncology (ESO) Masterclasses in Clinical Oncology from 2004 to 2020. He is part of the ESO core faculty in GI cancers, Breast cancer, Elderly, Supportive and Palliative Care, has served as visiting professor for ESO in various occasions and is a Senior Faculty Member of the College of the European School of Oncology (ESCO). Dr Popescu is currently developing a Training Programme for Cancer Professionals for the ESO College "Improving the Outcome for Cancer Patients in Europe" set to start in 2022, which he will co-chair with Prof Peter Selby.

His Romanian origin has enabled him to establish close links to and friendships with colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe, and he has participated in a range of educational activities and congresses in this part of Europe. He is actively collaborating in efforts to improve structure of oncology in Central and Eastern Europe and has published on hurdles to access cancer medicine in these countries. From 2010 to 2013 he was the Coordinator of the ESO Eastern European and Balkan Program and initiated and chaired the first 3 Eastern European and Balkan Masterclasses in Clinical Oncology from 2011 to 2013. He is a Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Dr. Razvan Popescu has served ESMO (the European Society of Medical Oncology) as a member of the Young Oncologists Committee 2003-2007, member of the Fellowship and Awards Committee 2006-2010, Chair of ESMO Membership Committee and Member of ESMO Board of Directors 2008-2010. From 2010 to 2014 he chaired the joined ESMO National Representatives and Membership Committee and was a Member of the ESMO Executive Committee. He was lead author of the ESMO Position Paper on Medical Oncology published in 2014 and co-author of a paper on personalized cancer medicine.

He is member of the ASCO Educational Committee and chaired the Global Health Educational Track for ASCO 2020. He was one of the 4 Europeans serving on ASCOs International Affairs Committee 2017-2020 and has been a member of the ASCO Quality Training Program Steering Group since 2020.

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Current Appointment

Co-Chair Tumor Center Aarau and Head of Medical Oncology, Hirslanden Clinic Aarau, Switzerland since 2004

Examinations and Qualifications

2000: Specialist in Medical Oncology (UK, European Union)

2000: European Society of Medical Oncology Certification Examination

1998: Specialist in Medical Oncology / Hematology (Switzerland)

1996: Specialist in Internal Medicine (Switzerland)

1996: Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (UK)

1990: Medical Doctorate, Faculty of Medicine, University of Basle

1989: FMGEMS (US medical examination)

1989: Swiss Staatsexamen (final Swiss medical examination)

Professional Memberships

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)

- Member International Affairs Committee 2017-2020
- Member Educational Committee 2018-2021, Chair Global Health Track ASCO 2020
- Member ASCO Quality Training Program Steering group

European Society of Medical Oncologists (ESMO)

- Member of Young Oncologists Committee 2003-2007
- Member of Fellowship and Awards Committee 2006-2010
- Chair ESMO Membership Committee and Member of ESMO Board of Directors 2008-2010
- Chair ESMO National Representatives and Membership Committee 2010 – 2014
- Member ESMO Executive Committee 2010 – 2014

European School of Oncology (ESO)

- Core Faculty Member
- Deputy Director/ Scientific Coordinator of ESO-ESMO Masterclasses in Clinical Oncology (2004-2020)
- Coordinator ESO Eastern Europe and Balkan Region Program 2010-2013
- Founder and Chair of Eastern Europe and Balkan Region (EEBR) Masterclass in Clinical Oncology 2011 – 2013
- Teaching at Masterclasses and visiting professorships since 2004.
- Currently developing with Prof Peter Selby a Training Program for Cancer Professionals for ESO (together with ECCO and SPCC) “Improving the Outcome for Cancer Patients in Europe”

Flims Alumni Club

- Treasurer 2000- 2003
- President 2003-2007

MASCC (Member Palliative Care, Geriatric and Neutropenia Study Groups)

Swiss Society for Medical Oncology (SGMO) (Swiss National Representative for ESMO 2012-2014)

Swiss Society for Palliative Care (palliative.ch)

palliative aargau (Co-President since 2013)

Swiss Association of Internal Medicine

Swiss Medical Association

Past Clinical and Research Positions, Postgraduate Training

2003: Specialist / Consultant in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine, Lausanne, CH

2000 - 2002: Chef de Clinique, Medical Oncology, University Hospital Lausanne, CH

1998 - 2000: Clinical Scientist and Specialist Registrar in Medical Oncology (Dr. T. Perren, Dr. R. Banks, Prof. P. Selby), Academic Unit Clinical Trials

- Coordinator (Prof. P. Selby), ICRF Cancer Medicine Research Unit, St. James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK
Radiotherapy, Cookridge Hospital, Cookridge, UK
Locum Consultant Medical Oncologist, Airedale General Hospital, UK
- 1998: Trainee in Haematology, University Hospital Basle, CH
- 1996 - 1997: Registrar in Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine, The Royal Hospital, Sutton, UK (Dr D. Cunningham)
- 1996: Senior House Officer, Department of Medicine, The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, UK (Dr. D. Cunningham)
- 1995: Senior House Officer, Department of Medical Oncology, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, UK (Prof. T.A. Lister)
- 1992- 1995: Trainee in Internal Medicine, University Hospital Basle, CH (including subspecialty rotations of 6 months each in Medical Oncology, Hematology, Intensive Care and Medical Emergency Department)
- 1990- 1992: Postgraduate Fellow in Molecular Biology awarded by the Department of Physiology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada (Prof. H. G. Friesen)

Clinical Research, Teaching

- **Author of clinical trials** in Hodgkin's disease, breast, colorectal, oesophageal, bladder cancer and melanoma
- Collaborator in **clinical trials groups** in Switzerland (SAKK) and abroad (IBCSG, EORTC, UK).
- Co-founder and 2004-2007 president of the **Flims Alumni Club**, an interdisciplinary organization of young cancer specialists and researchers focused among other goals on clinical trial methodology.
- Co-organiser of various symposia within ESMO, ESTRO, EACR, ECCO.
- Visiting Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Faculty member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- Core Faculty Member European School of Oncology (ESO).

Publications

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