

ANY IMPLICATION FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE?

Some suggestions from a GI
medical oncologist to his
practicing colleagues

PANCREATIC CANCER

- Role of FNAB and how to increase accuracy (miRInform and beyond)
- Early disease: response to pancreatectomy according to predictive factors
- Advanced disease: drug sensitivity, risk adapted approach, outcome prediction...ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL!
- Clinical and translational research: to be improved

GASTRIC CANCER

- Interesting biological background
- Until now: generally disappointing results
- Look for druggable targets
- Study the resistance mechanisms
- Reinforce translational research inside clinical trials

THEREFORE...

- From the bench to the bedside the fight against these lethal tumours must be pursued with determination and enthusiasm
- Funding must be adequate
- Independent research (cooperative groups...) is essential
- Patients and advocacy groups must be deeply involved
- ESMO has an important role