

# ESMO 2012 Special Symposium: Key Topics in Supportive Care Introduction

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# Supportive Care in Cancer

- Makes excellent cancer care possible
- Is integral to personalised cancer medicine
- Evolves in parallel to Cancer treatment
- Expands to address every new issue that arises for cancer patients
- Encompasses a number of Cinderella or orphan topics

# Key Supportive Care Topics

- Bisphosphonate Osteonecrosis
  - Cesar Migliorati, Memphis
- Active Hepatitis
  - John Lubel, Melbourne
- (Influenza Vaccination
  - Francesco Menichetti, Pisa)
- Thrombosis
  - Mario Dicato
    - Luxembourg

# Rationale for these particular topics

- All very important for patients and practitioners
- An update on them will be good for us all
- Tend to get overlooked due to the pressure of other toxicities/issues
  - Emesis, mucositis, skin toxicity, fatigue, cachexia
- The expertise in today's topics may well be held by non-Oncologists

# The unifying patient

- 60 year old woman with bone metastases from breast cancer
  - On Bisphosphonates
- Mildly overweight
- Past history of a DVT when travelling
  - She probably hasn't mentioned it
- Past history of a drug habit when much younger
  - She almost certainly hasn't mentioned it
- We need to remember she could be at risk of all 4 of our chosen toxicities



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