

# Teaching sessions

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## WRITING FOR PUBLICATION. YOU CAN DO IT!

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I believe that most oncology nurses have some information or knowledge which is worth sharing with their colleagues. Writing for publication is not something only an elite few can do. Getting published can be a very challenging and rewarding experience and having your work published enables you to communicate your information and knowledge to a much wider audience than your own immediate colleagues.

The aim of this presentation is to encourage oncology nurses to consider writing for publication and will discuss issues such as: selecting a suitable topic, carrying out a literature search, planning to write, what to do if you develop a writing block and choosing a suitable journal for your article.

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## PRODUCING A POSTER

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A poster presentation is an easy and simple way to communicate results of a research work. However, the scientific content has to be strong and clearly presented. The author has to respect carefully different steps in order to succeed. To submit an abstract is the first step. This abstract has to mention the names of the author(s) and the title of the study. It is at least divided into three different parts: the objectives of the study, the methodology that was used and the main results.

If accepted, the poster is built according to the organizer's guidelines. The dimensions of the paper support and the hanging material are usually defined as well as the modalities of presence of the author near his poster. The following elements must appear on the poster in a logical way: title of the study, names of the author(s), abstract, objectives of the study, methodology, description of the sample, data analysis, results (figures, charts, photographs, etc.) and conclusions.

In order to be read by the public, it has to be attractive. Special attention will be given to the paper colour, the size of the letters. The whole thing must catch the eye. To conclude, producing a poster demands intellectual abilities and some artistic talent too!

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## PUBLIC SPEAKING

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Many nurses are reluctant to speak in public, although public speaking can be useful, or even required, in a number of situations likely to occur in the course of their duties:

- in a ward, in front of other nurses;
- in meetings;
- in teaching sessions;
- at a conference.

The objective of this presentation is to describe tools and methods relevant to public speaking, and to explain how to use presentation aids and how to behave in front of an audience.