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# Statistical Methodology for Oncology Trials

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## Introduction

Oncology.

Cancer claims more than 7 million lives a year and has over 450 different indications and therefore is a main area of focus for many pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies around the world.

In this course a statistician experienced in interacting with both the FDA and EMA will identify the key issues of oncology and describes the statistical methods best suited for these trials.

Phase I and Phase II in project development are key elements for success in Phase III.

Heterogeneity of the disease has an immense influence on the design of trials in this clinical phase of development. The training will explain the most important influencing factors and focus on the problems of target criteria and surrogate markers. New study designs, which need less patients in this early phase will be described.

Phase III should confirm efficacy of the product confirmatory. Many new products have a very specialized mechanism of action, which often makes it necessary to find subpopulation, which show the best or no response. Flexible study designs will be described which allow early decisions based on only fractions of the calculated total sample size. Advantages and disadvantages of these designs will be presented.

## Course Objectives

***After this course, participants should be able to:***

- Understand the main statistical issues of oncology trials
- Work with statisticians to identify ways to design trials to minimize sample size and study duration

## For whom is this course designed?

- Medical Directors
- Heads of Clinical Operations with limited statistical knowledge
- Clinical professionals in Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology
- Biostatisticians with limited experience in oncology trials

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## Agenda

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Welcome and Registration</b>
09:00 - 09:45	Regulatory Guidance on Statistical Topics
09:45 - 10:30	Objectives of a Study - Primary Outcome, Estimands and the Problem of Multiplicity
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Morning Coffee Break</b>
10:45 - 11:30	Dealing with Multiplicity
11:30 - 12:30	Non-Inferiority Trials - Choice of Margin
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 - 14:45	Analysis Populations- what patients do we include?
14:45 - 15:30	How to handle missing data - including sensitivity analysis
15:30 - 15:45	<b>Afternoon Coffee Break</b>
15:45 - 16:30	Subgroup Analyses
16:30 - 17:15	Specific guidance for oncology trials
17:15 - 18:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>

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## Lecturer's bio



### Thomas Zwingers

Thomas Zwingers is Head of Statistical Consultancy for CROS NT, a global CRO with offices in the UK, Germany, Italy and the US. In his current role, Thomas provides pharma, biotech and medical device companies with statistical methodology advice pertaining to trial design, conduct and reporting including regulatory submission, and has presented statistical findings to the European Medicines Agency on numerous occasions. Thomas has been working in the clinical trial environment since 1980 in project team management and statistical analysis. He specializes in statistical analysis and reporting with particular expertise in Adaptive Trial Design and Non-Inferiority Trials.

Prior to joining CROS NT, Thomas has an independent statistical consultant who ran his own biometrics CRO in Germany for over 20 years. During this time, he gained a considerable amount of experience in Dermatology, Respiratory and Oncology studies, and has particular expertise in applying adaptive designs to oncology trials.

## About CROS NT and CROS Academy

As a global Contract Research Organization (CRO), CROS NT enhances clinical trial outcomes and optimizes vendor oversight with data-driven services and solutions. From study design to clinical study reporting, CROS NT's services include biometrics and data science (data management, biostatistics programming and analysis), medical writing, pharmacovigilance, regulatory consultancy and clinical project management and monitoring.

**CROS Academy** | Established as a specialist biometrics CRO, CROS NT launched CROS Academy as a training branch to provide a series of classroom trainings and webinars in our areas of expertise including biostatistics and clinical data management. We also offer in-house, tailored training for companies with specific needs.

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- Early bird: € 640,00** until 16/05/2018
- Ordinary: € 750,00**
- Academy – Public Administration: € 450,00**

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