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1. Translating innovative ideas/concepts into best -current/future- clinical practice

- Dr. Roukos, translating his own D2-N2-lymphadenectomy **concept** on 210 gastric cancer patients, has been influenced surgeons' decisions worldwide. First publication: <u>Surgery 1998:</u>
- 2004 Proof-of-concept by the Dutch trial (J Clin Oncol 2004; 22: 2069-77).
- 2005 Hereditary Breast Ovarian Cancer (HBOC)
 - Innovative algorithm (Ioannina) for genetic testing and prevention
 - Innovative future classification (Ioannina) of BRCA carriers

First worldwide publication-copyright [nature (Clinical Practice Oncology (CPO) In press]

2005 Microarrays/RT-PCR -based Gene Expression Assays (21-gene, 70-gene-set)
Predicting outcomes and pCR, surgery could be avoided in the neoadjuvant individualized future therapy – Papers by Roukos et al.: Nature CPO 2005; 2: 343; Ann Surg Oncol (in press)

2. International recognition-invitations

- 1999 1. Invited/commissioned/solicited Editorials/Reviews/Commentaries/Critiques
- Journals: **Nature CPO (3)**, Ann Surg Oncol (10), Arch Surg (1), J Surg Oncol (1), today Experts Rev Anticancer Ther (1).
 - 2. World Congress, International Meetings (invited lecturer/speaker)

3. Leading positions

- 1987 Representative from Greece in a European Multicenter Study on Gastrointestinal Lymphoma.
- 2002 Founder, Editor-in-Chief & Publisher of gbcnc site & gbc e-journal
- 2003 President of the non-profit International Organization GBCNC against cancer.
 - Representative from Greece for gastric cancer research in Europe (EUR-GAST / EPIC project).
- 2005 1. Director of Surgical Oncology Research Unit, Section of Surgery, Ioannina University
 - 2. Scientific Director of a Nationwide Greek Network HBOC Prevention Program.
 - 3. Scientific Director of the Greek HBOC Study Group.

4. Publications

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