

# Cancer research: Ethical, economic and social aspects

PhD course CCBIO 903

19 – 22 January and 16 – 20 February 2015



Researchers and clinicians in the field of cancer research and care face important dilemmas daily regarding for instance the prioritisation of research questions, or the choice between treatments for a patient. These dilemmas, involving both ethical considerations and health economics, can determine upon life and death for individual patients.

The PhD course CCBIO 903 aims to give the opportunity to PhD candidates within cancer research to discuss these dilemmas. The course will focus on aspects such as how to assess the cost-effectiveness of cancer biomarkers, how to make medical decisions when surrounded by risks, uncertainties and even ignorance, what the ‘good life’ can actually mean, and what the future may hold for cancer research. PhD candidates will be invited to reflect upon the ethical, economic and social aspects of their own research, in interaction with scholars and other students as well as in an essay.

The course is led by Professor **John Cairns** from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Professor **Roger Strand** and post-doc **Anne Blanchard**, the latter two from the Centre for the Study of the Sciences and the Humanities at the University of Bergen. All three are affiliated with The Centre for Cancer Biomarkers (CCBIO).

Monday 19/01/15	Tuesday 20/01/15	Wednesday 21/01/15	Thursday 22/01/15
Joint introduction	Valuing changes in health	Cancer and ethical theories	Responsible Research and Innovation
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Decision modelling	Economics and healthcare decision making	Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects of cancer research	CCBIO seminar by John Cairns (2:30 – 3:15)

Monday 16/02/15	Tuesday 17/02/15	Wednesday 18/02/15	Thursday 19/02/15	Friday 20/02/15
Cancer and the good life	Risk, uncertainty and ignorance	Economic evaluation of cancer biomarkers	Assessing cost-effectiveness of cancer biomarkers	Summing up and planning the essays
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
Science-policy interface for cancer	The future of cancer research	Evidence and judgement in decision making		

This course is open to PhD candidates affiliated with the Centre for Cancer Biomarkers (CCBIO) and to other PhD candidates and to students at the Medical Student Research Programme. **(5-credit course).**

For more information about the course: <http://www.uib.no/en/course/CCBIO903>

For registration : <https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=814417>

Early registration until **05.12. 2014** (CCBIO affiliates). Late registration until **09.01.2015**

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