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Dear Professor Watson,

We are writing to confirm that INCTR fully endorses the IPOS Statement on Standards and Clinical Practice Guidelines in Clinical Care and supports the recommendation that quality care must integrate the psychosocial domain into routine care and that emotional distress becomes the sixth vital sign.

The International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR) is an international not-for-profit, non-governmental organization established to address a neglected global health problem – the ever increasing burden of cancer in developing countries. It is dedicated to helping to build capacity for cancer prevention, treatment (including palliative care) and research and to improve access to needed care in order to lessen the suffering and limit the number of lives lost from cancer in developing countries.

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in this initiative.

Sincerely,



Ian Magrath
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