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## Consensus on cancer management in Asia

Breaking news - *The Lancet Oncology* publishes [6 Consensus Statements](#) on Cancer Management in Asia

Asia represents a tremendous clinical challenge: cancer incidence is increasing rapidly; lifestyles are becoming more westernised causing changes in disease aetiology; and resources for infrastructure and disease management vary widely from country to country.

For any clinical guidance to be universally applicable these differences need to be taken in to account. The Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) provides an excellent economic template on how to achieve this goal.

Today, *The Lancet Oncology* publishes six treatment guidelines from the 2009 Asian Oncology Summit that, for the first time, apply the BHGI model to multiple cancer settings. [You can read the articles here](#). The journal's monthly podcast is also dedicated to the publication of these articles and includes interviews with Professor Benjamin Anderson, Director of the BHGI, and Drs Ross Soo and Donald Poon, lead authors of two of the consensus guidelines. [To access the podcast click here](#).

The origin of these consensus articles can be traced back to the spring of 2008 when *The Lancet Oncology* was invited to co-host the Asian Oncology Summit (Singapore; April 3-5, 2009). Why not join us at the [Asian Oncology Summit 2010](#) (Bali; April 9-11, 2010), where leading oncologists will discuss how to optimise multidisciplinary cancer care in Asia.

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[Asia Oncology Summit, April 3-5, 2009, Singapore](#)  
**Multidisciplinary Care for Multiethnic Society: An Asian Challenge**

The Asia Oncology Summit (AOS) 2009 was organised by Elsevier under the auspices of *The Lancet Oncology* and the Singapore Society of Oncology (SSO). The meeting was held in conjunction with the 2nd South East Asian Oncology Forum and the 3rd Singapore Society of Oncology Board Review Course. The Summit encompassed a series of plenary lectures covering a variety of haematological and solid cancers. The meeting also included six parallel suites dedicated to haemato-oncology, head and neck, gastrointestinal, breast, lung, and gynaecological cancer. On the final day of the Summit, each suite hosted a didactic workshop to derive management guidelines stratified by resource availability. As a result of the meeting, *The Lancet Oncology* has published six consensus statements on specific management questions relevant to the practice of oncology in Asia.

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