

Didier Verhoeven

WG Member (Vice-Chair)

Didier Verhoeven is a medical oncologist at AZ Klina, Antwerp Belgium.

He graduated from the University of Antwerp and obtained a master's degree in medical research at the University of Brussels. He completed his PhD at the University of Antwerp, with the thesis “Tumor cell proliferation and stromal changes in Breast cancer.”

He was appointed as a visiting professor at the University of Antwerp in 2014. Although he is a clinician at heart, an important part of Professor Verhoeven’s work is about quality improvement projects and global breast cancer care. He leads the Breast Centres Certification of his breast centre successfully from December 2014 with as first lead auditor Dr. Lorenza Marotti EUSOMA. Till now the certification was yearly renewed.

In 2018 Oxford University Press accepted his book: “Breast Cancer: Global Quality Care” for publication (14/11/2019) (co-editors: C. Kaufman, US, R. Mansel, UK and S. Siesling, The Netherlands, with extensive book review in ASCO-Post, 2020). Second open access edition approved June 2023 by the Publication committee of OUP (publication expected March 2026). From 2021 onwards he participated to The Lancet Breast Cancer Commission, led by Charlotte Coles, and to the Global Breast Cancer Initiative (GBCI) of the WHO led by Benjamin Andersson.

In 2023 he took the initiative for the Grand Rounds eCANCER webinars on global breast cancer quality care. He actively participated and co-chaired the organization of the IOLC conference who brings together oncology leaders around the world and in all editions of the International Congress of Breast Disease Centers in Paris.