

Motivation Letter

Applicant: João Casanova

Self-Nomination for ESGO Council Member (2024-2028)

Group 3 Southwestern Europe

Dear ESGO Council Members,

My name is João Casanova and currently I am the head of the Gynecologic Oncology Unit of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Service, Department of Surgery at the Hospital da Luz in Lisbon. Hospital da Luz Lisboa is the first and only private academic hospital in Portugal and the leading private hospital in Portugal.

I completed my fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology (2015-2017), at the Gynecologic Service, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York (USA).

I am applying for the ESGO Council mainly because I feel that Portugal is severely underrepresented in the Gynecologic Oncology field in Europe. After completing my fellowship abroad, I realized and understood the need for multi-institutional cooperation, and ESGO embodies that spirit second to no other medical society. The opportunity to serve as ESGO Council member would be of major impact in the field in Portugal, bringing the standards of ESGO to Portugal.

Furthermore, I am highly motivated to collaborate in research, either clinical or translational research and to serve in what capacity the ESGO Council feels necessary.

It would be a great personal honor to become a member of such a prestigious medical society.

Lisbon, 6th of September 2023

João Casanova

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CURRICULUM VITAE

João Casanova

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1. Name

First name: João	Last name: Casanova
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2. Present Position with Work Address

Position: Head, Gynecologic Oncology Unit	Street address or postal address: Av. Lusíada 100
Name of institution or organization: Hospital da Luz Lisboa	City & postal/zip code: Lisbon 1500-650
Start date (at least year): 2022	Country: PORTUGAL

3. Main University Degree(s)

Name of university/institute: Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Lisboa	Degree awarded: Licenciatura em Medicina
City & country: Lisbon, Portugal	Year of graduation: 2005

4. Professional Training

Name of university/institute: Maternidade Júlio Dinis/Centro Materno-Infantil do Norte	City & country: Porto, Portugal
Qualification: Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology	Dates of attendance: 2007-2013
Name of university/institute: Gynecology Service, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center	City & country: New York, USA
Qualification: Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology	Dates of attendance: 2015-2017

5. Registration/Medical License number (where applicable)

Number: 44867

6. Previous Appointments

Position: Attending Surgeon, GYN UNIT	Dates: 2017-2022
Institution/organization: Champalimaud Foundation	City & country: Lisbon, Portugal

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7. Short Summary of Publications

- 1. Patterns of FIRST recurrence of stage IIIC1 endometrial cancer with no PARAAORTIC nodal assessment”**
Alessia Aloisi, **João Miguel Casanova**, Jill H. Tseng, Kristina A. Seader, Nancy Thi Nguyen, Kaled M. Alektiar, Vicky Makker, Sara Chiang, Robert Soslow, Mario M. Leitao, Nadeem R. Abu-Rustum.
Gynecologic Oncology 151 (2018) 395-400
- 2. Abdominal mass mimicking a leiomyoma: Malignant uterine solitary fibrous tumor.**
Joao Casanova, José Ramón Vizcaíno, Fátima Pinto, Ana Cunha, Gabriel Madureira
Gynecologic Oncology Reports 2 (2012) 143-145. (Elsevier). DOI 10.1089 / gyn.2012.0084
- 3. Laparoscopic Resection of a Lower Uterine Segment Lipoleiomyoma.**
Joao Casanova, Renee Vina G. Sicam, Kuan-Gen Huang, Chi-Ju Yeh
Journal of Gynecologic Surgery, Abril 2013, 29(2):76-78.
- 4. Ovarian Sclerosing Stromal Tumor in a Postmenopausal Woman**
Joao Casanova, Kuan-Gen Huang, Aizura-Syafinaz Adlan, Chen-Lin Chi, Nor Anita Abdullah
Journal of Gynecologic Surgery, Dezembro 2013, 29(6):303-305.
- 5. Uterine Inversion Due to A Submucous Leiomyoma: a Case Report**
Joao Casanova, Kuan-Gen Huang, Aizura-Syafinaz Adlan, Santiago Artazcoz
Journal of Gynecologic Surgery, Dezembro de 2013, 29(6):294-296.
- 6. Borderline Ovarian Tumor during Pregnancy: A Case Report.**
Casanova J, Maciel R, Ferreira V, Fernandes E, Rodrigues RM.
- 7. Sustainable complete remission in recurrence yolk sac tumor patient treated with tandem high-dose chemotherapy and autologous stem cell.**
N.A. Abdullah, P.N. Wang, K.G. Huang, A.S. Adlan, **J. Casanova**.
European Journal of Gynaecological Oncology, 2013;Vol 34(2), 183-185
- 8. Sentinel Lymph Node in Endometrial Cancer: A Systematic Review on Laparoscopic Detection.**
Nor Anita Abdullah, Kuan-Gen Huang, **Joao Casanova**, Santiago Artazcoz, Phanida Jarruwale, Doris R. Benavides, Chyi-Long Lee.
Gynecology and Minimally Invasive Surgery (GMIT), 2 (2013), 75-78.
- 9. Single-sitting laparoscopy for large pelvic mass and umbilical hernia through Lee-Huang Port.**
Muliati Wilamarta, Kuan-Gen Huang, **Joao Casanova**, Chyi-Long Lee.
Journal of Gynecologic Surgery, 2013, vol 29 (4), 216-218.
- 10. Laparoscopy is the Best Choice to Diagnose Fitz-Hugh-Curtis Syndrome**
Muliati Wilamarta, Kuan-Gen Huang, **Joao Casanova**, Aizura-Syafinaz Adlan, Chyi-Long Lee.
Gynecology and Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT), 2 (2013), 135-136
- 11. Right upper quadrant cytoreductive procedures and cardiophrenic lymph node resection in primary debulking surgery for ovarian cancer**
João Casanova, José Filipe Cunha Gynecologic Oncology Reports, 36 (2021), 10078
- 12. Retroileal Colorectal Anastomosis after left-sided or tranverse colectomy for advanced serous carcinoma of the ovary or uterus**
Lea Moukarzel, **João Casanova**, José Filipe Cunha, Phillip Pay, Emmanouil P. Pappou, Elizabeth Jewell, Dennis Chi Gynecologic Oncology Reports, 37 (2021) 100834
- 13. Peritoneal Deciduous mimicking Peritoneal Carcinomatosis: a case report**
João Casanova, Jan Jurgiel, Vanessa Henriques, Henrique Nabais, Luís Vieira Pinto, José Filipe Cunha
Gynecologic Oncology Reports, 37 (2021) 10082
- 14. Mesenteric stripping using a Veress needle: A creative approach to resect small bowel disease in advanced ovarian cancer”**
Joao Casanova , José Filipe Cunha , Sara Proença , Dennis Chi
Gynecologic Oncology Reports, 45, February 2023

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8. Other Elements

- 1. Certified Gynecologic Oncologist ESGO in 2018**
- 2. ENYGO NAT REP for PORTUGAL (current)**
- 3. Faculty “ENYGO / ESGO Introduction to Robotic Surgery Course (2021, 2022, 2023)**
- 4. PhD Student, Nova Medical School (Thesis – High-grade Endometrioid Endometrial Cancer, molecular and proteomic signature and its impact on the prognosis)**
- 5. Invited speaker for several meetings, both national and international on multiple topics related with the field of Gynecologic Oncology**