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Dr. Mælandsmo has since her PhD (1997) been working in the field of cancer metastasis. She has studied the importance of gene products involved in the metastatic process, and investigated whether such proteins may be utilized as targets for anti-cancer therapies. She has a strong translational focus, and in her department several *in vitro* and *in vivo* model systems representative for different type of human cancer including sarcomas, melanomas, colorectal carcinomas and breast cancer, has been established. She has 87 papers published in peer-review journals.

Her department has approximately 80 employees divided into five research groups, and she is heading one of the groups consisting of 15 members. She is PI in the Cancer Stem Cell Innovation Center, a Norwegian initiative to form a research-based innovation center with the aim to develop therapies targeting the tumor-initiating cell population in solid tumors. She is also partner in the recently established K.G. Jebsen Centre for Breast Cancer Research where she is responsible for the project group performing functional studies of candidate molecules. She is in the Board of The Norwegian Oncology Forum, an organization having specialized reference groups, covering all the main types of cancer, where decision making on treatment and care of cancer patients are made. The annual meeting of the Norwegian Oncology Forum collects scientists and clinician with multidisciplinary background and has developed into an important arena for competence enhancement in surgical- and medical oncology, as well as clinical and translational cancer research.