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# INTERNATIONAL GYNECOLOGIC CANCER SOCIETY





# Member Growth

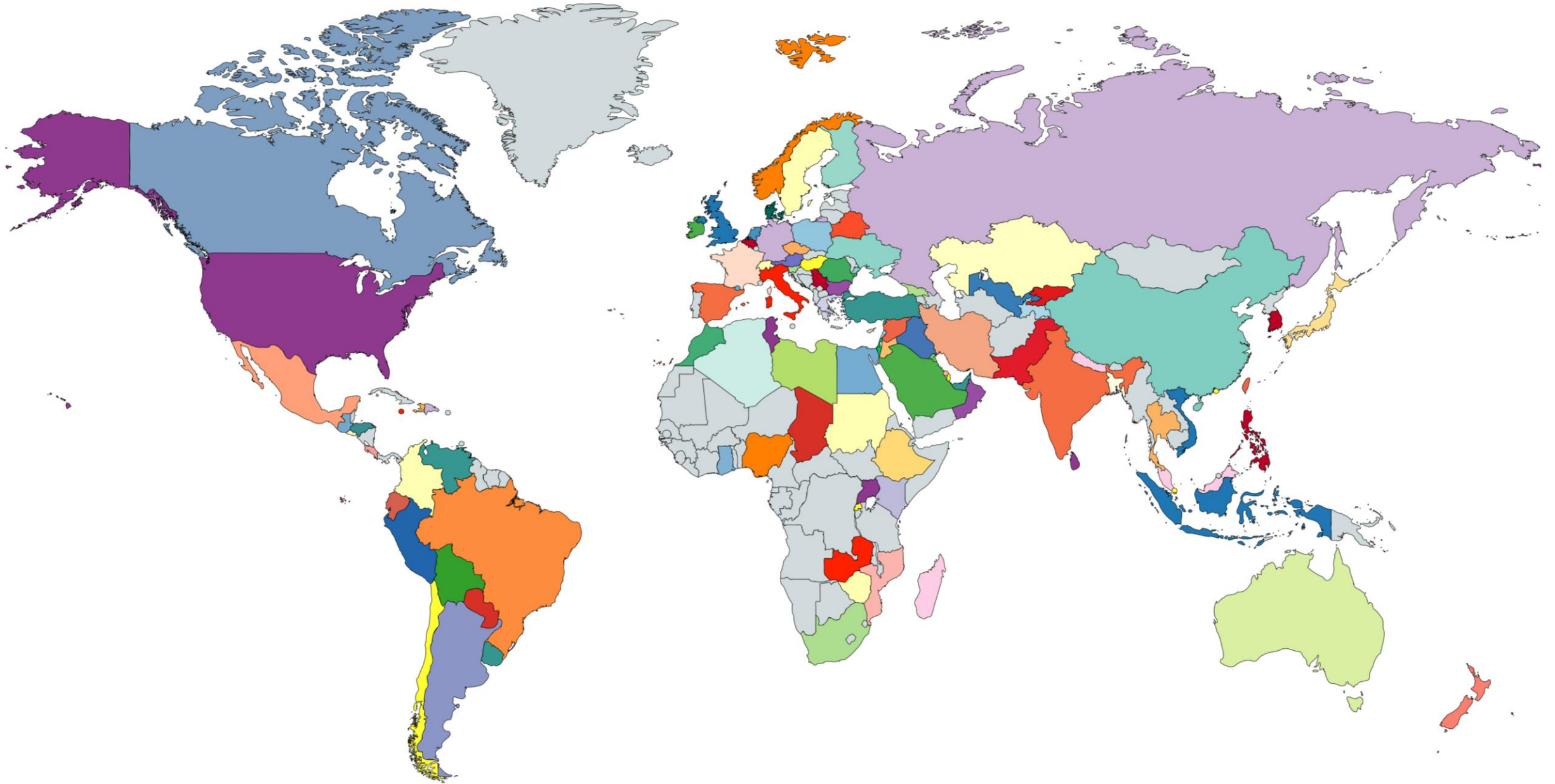
2015



2019



# Global Reach: 110 countries



# IGCS Flagship Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- A two-year Gynecologic Oncology training and education program for regions without formal training:
  - Web-based curriculum that can be modified by sites
  - Match institutions and individuals from programs in regions with formal Gynecologic Oncology training with partners in regions without (twinning)
  - Goal: train 1 to 2 fellows per year
  - In collaboration with local hospital, University and MoH



# Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

## 2017 Initial Pilot Sites:

1. Vietnam/USA
2. Mozambique/Brazil & USA
3. Ethiopia/USA & Germany
4. Kenya/Canada

# Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program



## 2018 Sites:

- Guatemala/Colombia
- Uganda/USA
- Zambia/USA
- Jamaica/Ireland

## 2019 & 2020 Sites:

- Fiji/New Zealand & Australia
- Nepal/India
- Bahamas/USA
- Qatar/UK (Self-funded)

# Hands-on Teaching/Training - Mozambique





# Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- International mentor(s) visits site minimum 3-4x/year
  - Surgical training
  - Patient rounds
  - Didactics
- Monthly videoconferences with mentors and monthly tumor boards
- Fellow spends ~3 months at international mentoring site
  - Exposure to multi-disciplinary care, radiation oncology, pathology, research/clinical trials
- Final exam (written, oral and practical)
  - Separate examination committee



# Project ECHO Virtual Tumor Board

- Conducted several COVID Tumor Boards
- Last one hour
  - 45 minutes of case presentations
  - 15 minute didactic lecture
- Stopped all site visits until further notice
- Surgeries have been limited in many of the training programs

# Project ECHO Virtual Global Tumor Boards





# Research

- Not required but encouraged and using this COVID time to learn research and publications, preparing abstracts



# Annual Report

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## THE CHALLENGE

Global cancer rates are rising dramatically with a predicted **23.6 million new cases per year worldwide by 2030**. More than 50% of all cancer cases and 65% of related deaths occur in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). In LMICs, many of these cancers are gynecologic in origin, with cervical cancer being the most predominant. Cervical cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related death for women in low resource settings as women in these regions often present with cancer that is at an advanced stage and is difficult to treat.

One major factor of mortality rates is the significant shortage of health care providers trained in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

Few of the physicians in LMICs have access to specialty training and are therefore unequipped to treat the high volume of patients presenting with cancer. Many regions of the world do not have specialty training in gynecologic oncology, leaving women without the specialty care they need for the prevention and treatment of cervical cancer and other gynecologic malignancies.

Given the rising rates of cancer in LMICs, there is a critical need to train and educate local physicians to address this epidemic.

## A GLOBAL APPROACH TO A GLOBAL PROBLEM

In 2017 IGCS launched the Gynecologic Oncology Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program, a comprehensive two to three-year education and training program designed for regions around the world that do not currently have formal training in gynecologic oncology.

## HOW IT WORKS

The program matches institutions and individuals from higher resource settings (International Mentors) with partners in lower resource settings wishing to obtain formal gynecologic oncology training. Mentors travel to the training site to progress with evaluation and receive a 1 to 3-month observation and receive examination and receive

### Program Elements

- Each training site is paired with an existing relationship.
- The Mentors are responsible for bi-annual in Training Evaluation.
- The Mentors will travel to the training site for in-person education.
- The IGCS Fellows travel to the training site for in-person education.
- The Fellows present cases to the tumor board.
- Fellow has completed the training and is passing the examination.

### Program Chair



Linus Chao  
USA

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## AFRICA

### ETHIOPIA

#### Training Site:

Paul's Hospital and Black Lion Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

#### Mentoring Institutions:

University of Minnesota and University of Michigan, USA

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

### KENYA

#### Training Site:

Moi University

#### Mentoring Institutions:

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON

Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI, USA

### MOZAMBIQUE

#### Training Site:

Hospital Central de Maputo, Mozambique

#### Mentoring Institutions:

Barretos Cancer Hospital, Barretos, Brazil

Oncology Department of Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein, Brazil

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas, USA

### UGANDA

#### Training Site:

Uganda Cancer Institute

#### Mentoring Institutions:

Duke University Chapel Hill, NC, USA

University of California San Francisco, USA

### ZAMBIA

#### Training Site:

Women and Newborn Hospital, Zambia

#### Mentoring Institutions:

### ETHIOPIA

#### About the Ethiopia Program



Population: 105 million  
Poverty: 26.7%  
Life Expectancy: 65  
Cervical Cancer: 2018  
Deaths: 86,571  
New cases: 125,578  
5 year prevalence: 247,444

#### Fellows



Dr. Bethel Dereje is an OB/GYN at St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College in Addis Ababa. Dr. Dereje completed her undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Addis Ababa University where she was a lecturer and Assistant Dean. Following her studies, Dr. Dereje taught both undergraduate and postgraduate students and served as coordinator of the undergraduate program for three years.

Dr. Fiwel Tesfay received her certificate of specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology from Addis Ababa University College of Health Sciences, School of Medicine. Dr. Tesfay is currently part of the faculty at Saint Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College in the department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She is a member of the Post Graduate Residency committee and a board member of the Ethiopian Journal of Reproductive Health.



Dr. Dawit Worku has worked as an obstetrician and gynecologist since 2015, in addition to his clinical activities, he serves as the secretary for the Clinical Ethics Committee of Black Lion Hospital. Dr. Worku joined the gynecologic oncology fellowship program due to the high number of cases coupled with a limited number of trained physicians capable of caring for women suffering from reproductive tract malignancies. Esayas Bekele, Tadesse Mekonnen, Tadesse Urgie

#### International Mentors

Rahel Ghebre  
Carolyn Johnston

#### Local Supervisor

Dawit Desalegn

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### KENYA

#### About the Kenya Program



Population: 54 million  
Poverty: 33.5%  
Life Expectancy: 63  
Cervical Cancer: 2018  
Deaths: 10,000  
New cases: 10,000  
5 year prevalence: 10,000

### MOZAMBIQUE

#### About the Mozambique Program



Population: 30 million  
Poverty: 60%  
Life Expectancy: 55  
Cervical Cancer: 2018  
Deaths: 10,000  
New cases: 10,000  
5 year prevalence: 10,000

#### Overview

Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer and cancer-related deaths among women in Mozambique, where it represents 32% of new cancers diagnosed in women. These high rates are primarily due to a lack of access to screening programs, limited public education, and a limited number of health care providers trained to diagnose and treat pre-invasive cervical disease.

In 2014, by invitation from the First Lady of Mozambique, MD Anderson, in collaboration with three Sister Institutions in Brazil (Barretos Cancer Hospital, Albert Einstein Hospital and A.C. Camargo Cancer Center), began working with physicians in Mozambique and the Ministry of Health with the goal of establishing comprehensive training programs for cervical, breast, head & neck and hematology related cancers.

The IGCS Oncology Global Curriculum and Mentorship Program is being implemented at Hospital Central de Maputo in Mozambique in collaboration with gynecologic oncologists from MD Anderson and Barretos Cancer Hospital that have been part of the collaboration since its inception.

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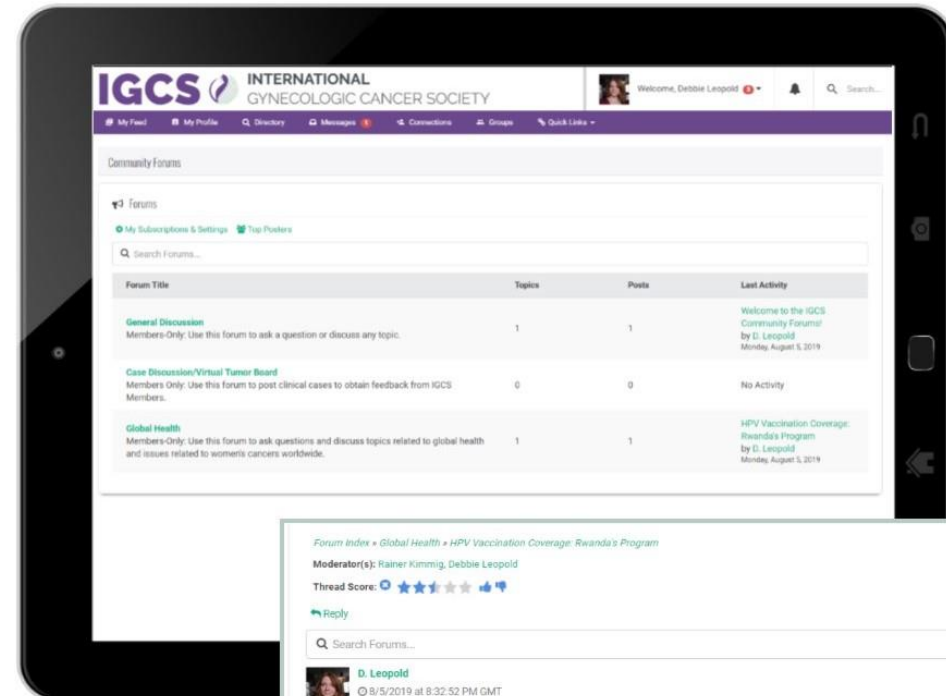


# Membership/Community Discussion Forums

General Discussion

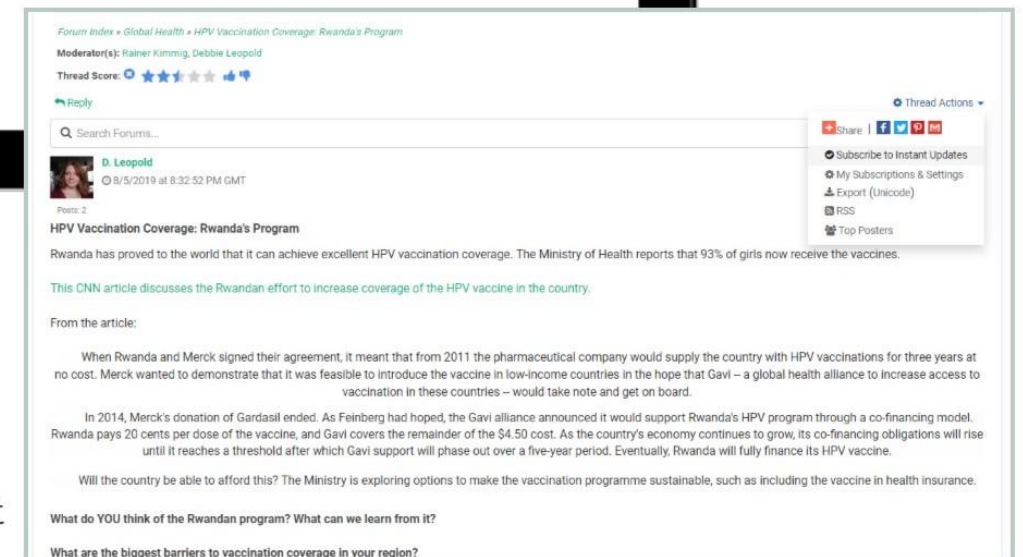
Virtual Case Discussion

Global Health



Ask questions and discuss clinical cases in Community Discussion Forums

Subscribe to Forums or Topics for instant updates on the threads that Interest you



# Outreach & Engagement

## ABOUT WOMEN'S CANCER

## NCI CANCER TERM GLOSSARY

Find open clinical trials and learn more about trials in progress

## CLINICAL TRIALS

Expanded access or compassionate use is the use of an unapproved drug or medical device under special forms of investigational new drug applications or application for devices, outside of a clinical trial, by people with serious or life-threatening conditions who do not meet the enrollment criteria for the clinical trial in progress

## COMPASSIONATE USE

A culturally competent health care system can help improve health outcomes and quality of care, and can contribute to the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities

## CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Read news, articles and commentary posted by community members

## NEWS & BULLETIN BOARD



## A Global Network

Building a global network of independent organizations and individuals to fight gynecologic cancers and empower patients and communities.

## Regional Events

Description of a featured event/movement

Passion vine, texas sage, indigo spires salvia, confederate jasmine, royal cape plumbago, arica palm, pygmy date palm, snow on the mountain, pink powderpuff, datura, crinum lily, St. christopher's lily, silver dollar eucalyptus, white african iris, katie's charm ruellia, variegated shell ginger, florida coontie, datura, ming tea, sword fern, dianella, walking iris, chocolate cherries allamanda, awabuki viburnum

## Survivor Spotlight



Description/rotating patient stories regionally/Passion vine, texas sage, indigo spires salvia, confederate jasmine, royal cape plumbago, arica palm, pygmy date palm, snow on the mountain, pink powderpuff, datura, crinum lily, St. christopher's lily, silver dollar eucalyptus, white african iris, katie's charm ruellia, variegated shell ginger, florida coontie, datura, ming tea, sword fern, dianella, walking iris, chocolate cherries allamanda, awabuki viburnum

Is there room enough for you to follow your heart and not need more blood from the tip of your star. Is there room in my heart for you to follow your heart and not need more blood from the tip of your star. Get out of my garden.

Walking iris, chocolate cherries allamanda, awabuki viburnum, natal plum, black magic ti, mexican bush sage, gumbo limbo, golden shrimp, belize shrimp, Senna, weeping sabbic, golden shower tree, golden trumpet tree, bird of paradise, come in, Variegated shell ginger, Datura, Lonicera, red velvet costus, xanadu philodendron, snow queen hibiscus, Frangipani, bleeding heart, persian shield, cat's whiskers, royal palm, sweet alyssum, petting bamboo, orange jasmine, Clitoria blue pea, downy jasmine, Datura, Frangipani

## IGCS Events

IGCS Survivor-Caregiver Symposium  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
September 20, 2019

[See past events](#)

## Featured Partner Groups

Globe-Athon to End Women's Cancer

SMILEY

World Ovarian Cancer Coalition

[Find your local advocate group \(link to map\)](#)

## Conversations

Read stories from cancer survivors and join in the conversation

[Ask a Patient or Caregiver](#)

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## CAREGIVER RESOURCES

## SURVIVOR GARDEN

## IGCS GLOBAL MEETING

snead, cat's whiskers, royal palm, sweet alyssum, petting bamboo, orange jasmine, Clitoria blue pea, downy jasmine, Datura, Frangipani

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## We Create Joint Art Project

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## Photo Gallery



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# Virtual Patient Perspectives Roundtable Series

# Details of the Roundtables

- Structured to accommodate and adhere to the safety guidelines in place during the COVID-19 pandemic while addressing information gaps and needs in this constantly evolving situation and continuing the exchange and flow of information.
- Exemplar of IGCS' commitment to facilitating multi-stakeholder interactions and partnerships in the global fight against gynecologic cancers.
- A forum to increase the knowledge base around issues important to survivor-caregiver communities and industry, especially during this crisis and perhaps pertinent to future extraordinary situations.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic and in its aftermath, IGCS will continue to be a global source of education and resources, training, public awareness, and advocacy.



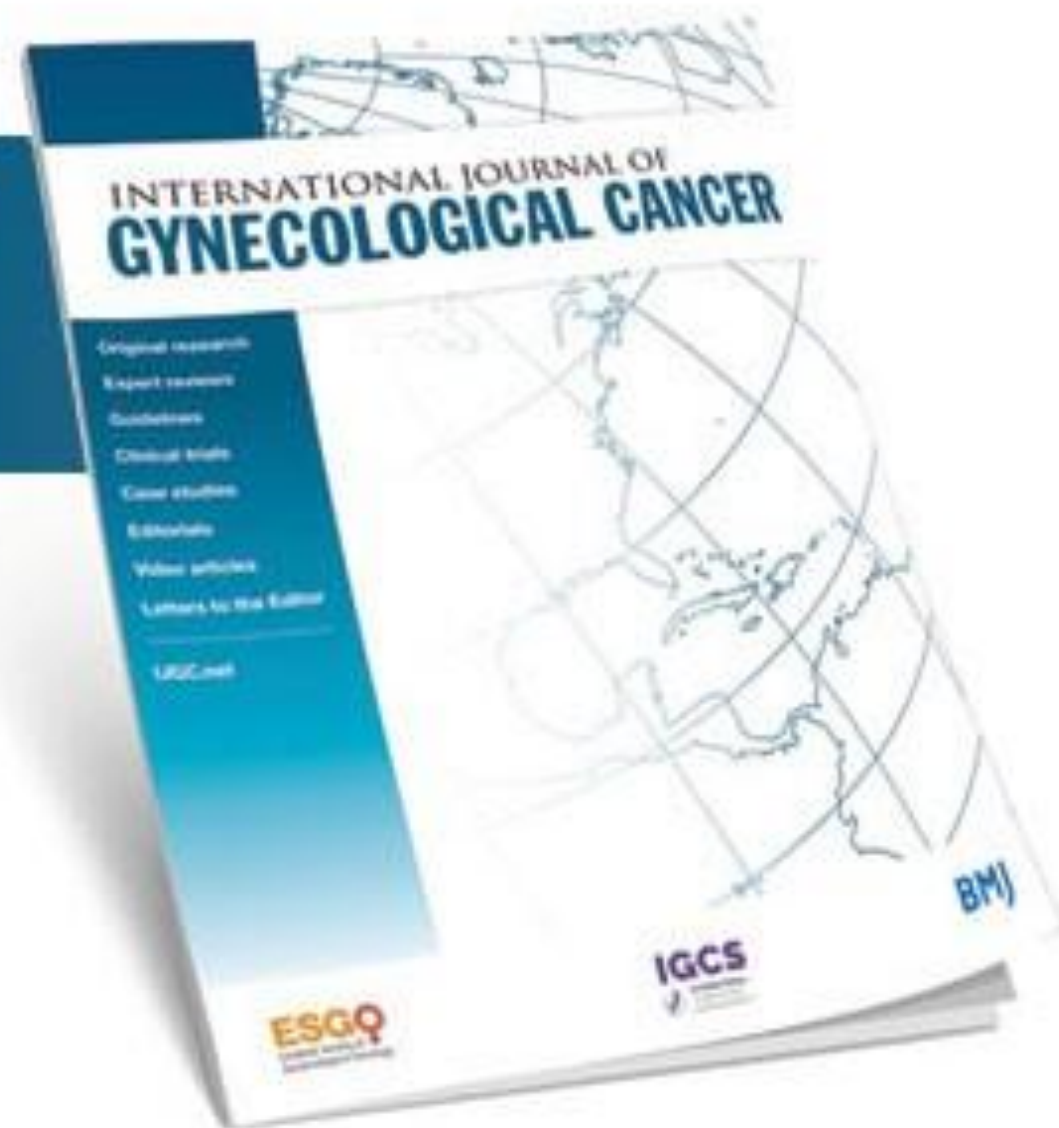
# Variety of Topics

- Clinical trials—their suspension, continuation, modification
- Ongoing care, chemotherapy, informed patient decision-making, telemedicine/telehealth
- Survivorship issues—continuity of care, isolation, psychosocial support, keeping connected at a distance, health and reflective journaling
- Post-pandemic life—reconnection, preparation, readiness
- Genetics—genetic testing and counseling, treatment implications, hereditary breast and ovarian cancer (during and after COVID-19 evaluation)

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Editor-in-Chief



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# Conclusion

IGCS is positioned and committed to providing timely and relevant information to the Gynecologic Oncology community globally



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# Thank You!