Member Growth

2015: 900 members
2019: 3250 members
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)
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
THE CHALLENGE

Annual Report

How it Works

In 2017 IGCS launched the Gynecologic Grooming Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program, a comprehensive program to improve 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 with institutions and individuals from lower resource settings to help improve gynecologic oncology training and patient care. Members travel to the participating programs for a 12 to 24 month mentorship and evaluation period.

A GLOBAL APPROACH TO A GLOBAL PROBLEM

As gynecologic cancers occur in nearly all countries, there is a unique need to train and educate local physicians to address the epidemic.

AFRICA

Training Site: Kenyatta National Hospital & Black Lion Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Training Site: Hospital Central do Maputo, Mozambique

Mentoring Institution: University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE USA

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences Center, Brooklyn, NY USA

Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA USA

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN USA

Hillside Hospital, Jamaica, NY USA

University of California San Francisco, CA USA

International Mentors: USA, Canada, Europe

Program Chair: Lina Chou, MD

USA

USA

USA

USA

USA

USA

USA

USA

IGCS International Gynecologic Cancer Society

International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS)

The IGCS connects gynecologic oncologists and mentoring program through the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program in Africa.

About the Ethiopia Program

Population: 110 million

Percentage of the population with access to quality care: 40%

Cervical Cancer Incidence: 24 per 100,000

HIV Prevalence: 19%

About the Kenya Program

Population: 48 million

Percentage of the population with access to quality care: 40%

Cervical Cancer Incidence: 27 per 100,000

HIV Prevalence: 7.5%

About the Mozambique Program

Population: 28 million

Percentage of the population with access to quality care: 30%

Cervical Cancer Incidence: 20 per 100,000

HIV Prevalence: 18%

About the Tanzania Program

Population: 48 million

Percentage of the population with access to quality care: 50%

Cervical Cancer Incidence: 25 per 100,000

HIV Prevalence: 12%
Membership/Community Discussion Forums

General Discussion

Virtual Case Discussion

Global Health

Discuss Ideas
Ask questions and discuss clinical cases in Community Discussion Forums
Subscribe to Forums or Topics for instant updates on the threads that interest you
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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Conclusion

IGCS is positioned and committed to providing timely and relevant information to the Gynecologic Oncology community globally.
Thank You!