CANCER SITUATION IN THE AMERICAS

Cancer in the Americas - Country Profiles

_Cancer in the Americas: Country profiles_ present recent data, by country on cancer risk factors, cancer mortality, and cancer plans, policies and services.

Cancer in the Americas – Basic Indicators

_Cancer in the Americas: Basic Indicators_ is a brochure illustrating cancer mortality data and the status of cancer prevention and control programs, by country. The brochure also includes a special analysis on cervical and breast cancer mortality trends in the Americas.

Fact sheet series on cancer epidemiology

Series of fact sheets on the epidemiology of cancer, by type, for the leading cancers in the Americas. It provides visual data on cancer incidence and mortality for: breast, cervical, colorectal, prostate, stomach, and lung cancer.

Fact sheet series on key messages about cancer in the Americas

Series of factsheets on the key messages about the most common cancer types in the Americas, and how PAHO/WHO is working with Members States to address the problem. It includes information on: breast, cervical, colorectal and childhood cancers, as well as palliative care.

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CANCER CONTROL PLANNING

National Cancer Control Programmes: Policies and Managerial Guidelines

*National Cancer Control Programmes: Policies and Managerial Guidelines* provides guidance to public health professionals on how to plan comprehensive cancer control programs, using evidence based approaches.

Cancer Control: Knowledge into Action

*Cancer control: Knowledge into Action* is a series of cancer control program planning modules, that provides practical advice to program managers and policy-makers on how to advocate, plan and implement effective cancer control programs. The six modules cover the topics of: cancer planning, cancer policy and advocacy, prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, and palliative care.

BREAST CANCER

Summary tables from the Guidelines for International Breast Health and Cancer Control

Summary of the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) guidance on using a resource stratified approach to implement evidence based and feasible breast cancer early detection, diagnosis, and treatment strategies to improve breast cancer outcomes.

Breast Cancer: Knowledge summary for health professionals

*Breast Cancer: Knowledge summary for health professionals* is a series of factsheets for health professionals that synthesize the scientific evidence on: breast cancer risk factors and risk reduction strategies, awareness and early detection strategies, improving access to breast cancer care, and planning comprehensive breast cancer programs.
WHO Position Paper on Mammography Screening

Position paper on mammography screening provides policy makers and healthcare providers with guidance on establishing mammography screening in various resource settings, and summarizes the evidence on the benefits and harms associated with mammography screening.

Mammography Services Quality Assurance: Baseline standards for Latin America and the Caribbean

Document provides public health managers with practical information on quality assurance and quality control procedures for mammography services, applicable to mammography screening and diagnostic mammography.

Women’s Cancer Initiative – A joint commitment to save LIVES

Promotional brochure provides information about PAHO’s Women’s Cancer Initiative, and the 4 lines of action of communication and advocacy, capacity building, program strengthening, and research.

Women’s Cancer and Comprehensive Care in the Caribbean - Situation and Challenges

Situational assessment of breast and cervical cancer prevention and control programs in the countries in the non-Latin Caribbean region. This document serves as a discussion paper for the Caribbean Women’s Cancer Forum, held May 2016.
Breast Cancer in the Americas

*Breast Cancer in the Americas – fact sheet* provides key statistics, messages and actions by PAHO. It includes data on breast cancer incidence and mortality in Latin America and Caribbean, and key messages about breast cancer early diagnosis, treatment and palliative care.

**CERVICAL CANCER**

Regional strategy and plan of action for cervical cancer prevention and control in Latin America and Caribbean

Regional strategy presents a seven point plan of action to improve access to HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening and pre-cancer treatment, as well as treatment and palliative care services, in the Americas.

Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control: A healthier future for girls and women

Guidance note provides general information about strategies for HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening and pre-cancer treatment.

Planning and Implementing Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Programs

Manual provides program managers with practical guidance on how to plan, implement, and monitor cervical cancer prevention and control programs.
Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Control. A guide to essential practice

*Comprehensive cervical cancer control. A guide to essential practice* provides practical information on cervical cancer prevention and control strategies for health care providers. It includes information, counseling messages, procedure sheets and sample clinical reporting forms for cervical cancer screening and pre-cancer treatment, as well as HPV vaccination.

Human Papilloma Virus and Cervical Cancer – Factsheet series

Fact sheet series on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and cervical cancer that offers updated information on HPV vaccines, cervical cancer screening tests, and treatment for cervical pre-cancer and invasive cancer.

Integrating Human Papillomavirus Testing in Cervical Cancer Screening Programs: A manual for program managers

Manual provides practical guidance on how to plan and implement HPV test-based screening programs. It provides information on available HPV tests and considerations for integrating these tests into organized screening programs.


Guide outlines quality control (QC) and quality assurance (QA) considerations to support introduction or scale-up of visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) as a screening test for cervical cancer. The guide is intended primarily for programme managers, supervisors and other stakeholders working in public health programmes for cervical cancer prevention and control.
**Use of Cryotherapy for Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia**

Guideline on cryotherapy treatment for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, and includes a summary of the evidence upon which the recommendations are made.

**Screening and Treatment of Precancerous Lesions for Cervical Cancer Prevention**

Guideline on the strategies for a screen-and-treat approach for cervical cancer prevention. It includes recommendations for screening using HPV testing, Papanicolau test, and visual inspection with acetic acid, followed by treatment for cervical pre-cancer.

**Cervical Cancer Prevention in Peru: Lessons learned from the TATI Demonstration Project**

*Cervical Cancer Prevention in Peru: Lessons learned from the TATI Demonstration Project* is a report that summarizes the methods, results and lessons learned from a cervical cancer demonstration project in Peru.

**HPV Tests for Cervical Cancer Screening**

Summary of the characteristics of available HPV tests, to aid public health planners in decision making on which HPV test is suitable for the conditions in their setting.
**Cervical Cancer in the Americas**

*Cervical Cancer in the Americas*, is a fact sheet that provides key statistics, messages and actions by PAHO. It presents epidemiologic data in Latin America and Caribbean, and key messages about cervical cancer prevention and control programs, and HPV vaccination.

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**CHILDHOOD CANCER**

**Early Diagnosis of Childhood Cancer**

*Early Diagnosis of Childhood Cancer* is a manual that provides practical information for primary health care providers on the early signs and symptoms of childhood cancer.

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**Supplemental Information on Detecting Brain Tumors in Children**

Short supplement to the manual on *Early Diagnosis of Childhood Cancer* that provides more information on warning signs for brain tumors in children.

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**Childhood Cancer in the Americas**

*Childhood Cancer in the Americas* is a fact sheet that provides key messages and actions by PAHO. It presents epidemiologic data on childhood cancer in Latin America and Caribbean, and key messages about early detection and treatment.
**COLORECTAL CANCER**

Colorectal Cancer in the Americas: Fact sheet

Factsheet provides brief information on colorectal cancer data, risk factors, and recommendations for screening and early detection, directed to the general public.

Colorectal Cancer Screening in the Americas - Situation and Challenges

*Colorectal Cancer Screening in the Americas - Situation and Challenges* is a situation assessment report on colorectal cancer screening guidelines and the status of screening programs in the Americas. This report served as a discussion paper for the PAHO expert consultation on colorectal cancer, held March, 2016.

**CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

Safe Handling of Hazardous Chemotherapy Drugs in Limited-Resource Settings

Guidance document for nurses and health care providers that handle chemotherapy drugs. It provides information on safe handling of hazardous chemotherapy drugs, hazardous drug administration, and emergency procedures for managing contamination.

**PALLIATIVE CARE**

Palliative Care – Guide for clinical management

*Palliative Care – Guide for clinical management* provides information to health professionals on how to deliver palliative care services, including communicating to the patient and their families, pain assessment, and use of opioids.
REPORTS FROM RECENT PAHO MEETINGS ON CANCER

**Expert Consultation on Colorectal Cancer Screening in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Meeting report from the PAHO consultation on colorectal cancer screening, in which 14 countries and partner organizations participated in March 2016. The report summarizes the strategies, experiences and challenges in implementing high quality colorectal cancer screening programs in the region.

**Women’s Cancers in the English Caribbean**

Meeting report from the Caribbean Women’s Cancer Forum convened by PAHO in May 2016. It provides a summary of the discussions and country action plans to improve access and quality of breast and cervical cancer programs in the region.