CANCER SITUATION IN THE AMERICAS

Cancer in the Americas - Country Profiles

*Cancer in the Americas: Country profiles* is a book that presents 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

This series of fact sheets presents information 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 cancer in the Americas

This series of factsheets presents 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

This is a 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

This 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

This manual provides public health managers with practical information on how to assure high quality at every stage of the mammography process, optimizing accuracy of results and ensuring patients’ and professionals’ safety.

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

This is a promotional brochure with information on PAHO’s Women’s Cancer Initiative, and the lines of action on communication and advocacy, capacity building, program strengthening, and research.

Women’s Cancer and Comprehensive Care in the Caribbean: Situation and challenges

This report is a situational assessment of breast and cervical cancer prevention and control programs in the Caribbean region. It provides information on the cancer burden and health system capacity for screening, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care. The document served as a discussion paper for the Caribbean Women’s Cancer Forum.
Breast Cancer in the Americas

*Breast Cancer in the Americas* is a fact sheet that provides 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

This is PAHO’s regional strategy 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

This is a guidance note for health professionals that provides general information on HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening and pre-cancer treatment.

Planning and Implementing Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Programs: A manual for managers

This 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

This is a fact sheet series on the human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer for health providers and the general public. It provides updated information on HPV vaccines, cervical cancer screening tests, and methods for treatment of cervical pre-cancer and invasive cancer.

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

This 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.

Monitoring National Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Programmes: Quality control and quality assurance for visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) based programs

This guide defines the quality control and quality assurance procedures needed for a cervical cancer screening program, using visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) as a screening test. The guide is intended for program managers and clinical supervisors working in cervical cancer programs.
HPV Tests for Cervical Cancer Screening

This is a web-based information sheet that presents a summary of the characteristics of available HPV tests. It is an aid for public health professionals to better understand the aspects of HPV tests, and help determine which test is suitable for the conditions in their setting.

Use of Cryotherapy for Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia

This is a guideline on cryotherapy treatment for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia. It provides recommendations for its use, and a summary of the evidence upon which the recommendations are made.

Screening and Treatment of Precancerous Lesions for Cervical Cancer Prevention

This is a guideline on the strategies for a screen-and-treat approach for cervical cancer prevention. It includes recommendations for screening using HPV testing, Papanicolaou 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 case report that summarizes the methods, results and lessons learned from a cervical cancer demonstration project in Peru.
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.

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.

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.

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.

**CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

Safe Handling of Hazardous Chemotherapy Drugs in Limited-Resource Settings

This is a 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.
Improving access to palliative care - Info graphic

This is an info graphic that provides simple information about palliative care, who needs it and when, gaps and challenges, and what countries can do to improve access to palliative care.

REPORTS FROM RECENT PAHO MEETINGS ON CANCER

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

This is the 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

This is the 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.