

Uniting the Globe in the Fight Against Gynecologic Cancer

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An Organization of International Cooperative
Groups for Clinical Trials in Gynecologic Cancers

- Society founded in 1985
- As of Jan 2019- 2,721 members from 112 countries

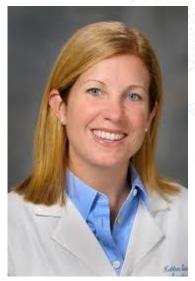
#### Mission:

To enhance the care of women with gynecologic cancer worldwide through education, training, and public awareness





## Gynecologic Oncology Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program



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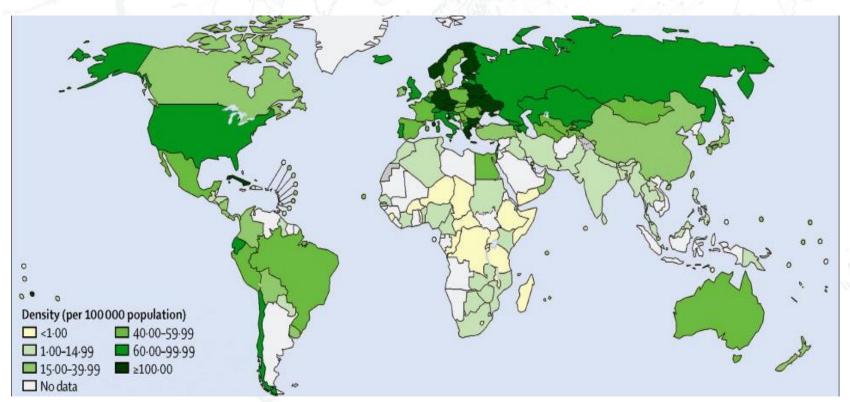
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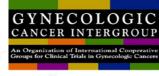


# Background

- There is a significant shortage of health care providers in regions of the world with high cervical cancer rates
- Many regions do not have specialty training in gynecologic oncology
- Critical need to train and educate local physicians to address the epidemic of rising rates of cancer globally, particularly in LMICs

## Global Distribution of Surgeons, **OB-Gyns & Anesthesiologists**





## Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- 2 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

- Local mentor
- International mentor(s)
- Monthly meetings between fellow(s) and mentors
  - Review of curriculum (donated textbooks), Assessments
- Monthly tumor board (Project ECHO)

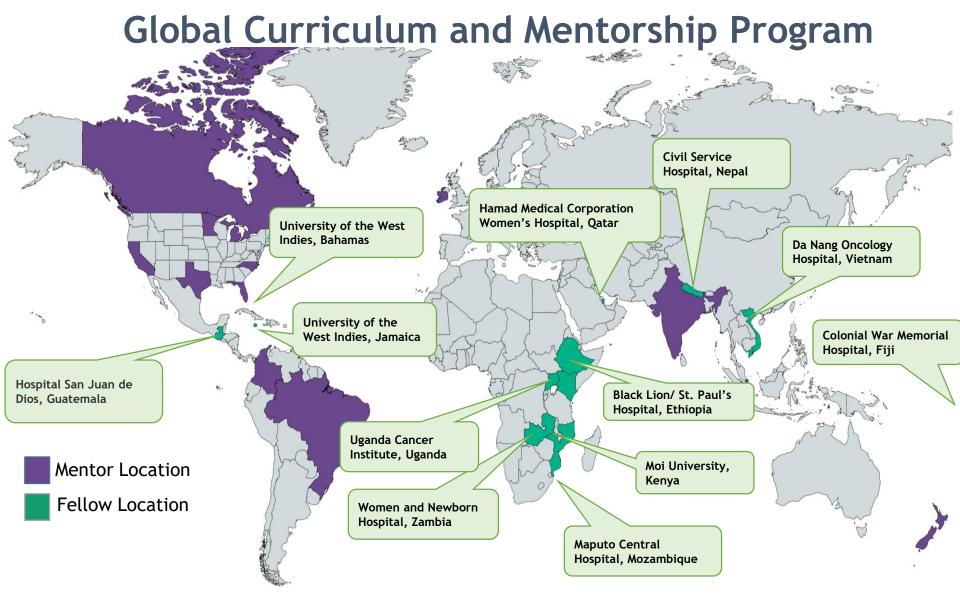




## Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- International mentor(s) visits site minimum >2x/year
- Fellow spends ~3 months at international mentoring site
- Final exam (written, oral and practical)
  - · Exam committee led by Dr. Al Covens
- Certificate (not certification)







## 3 Month Observership

- Fellow visits the international mentoring site
- Opportunity to gain additional exposure to:
  - Gynecologic Oncology Surgery
  - Radiation Oncology
  - Pathology
  - Multi-disciplinary care
  - Minimally invasive surgery
  - Research/Clinical Trials



## Hands-on Teaching/Training







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### Research

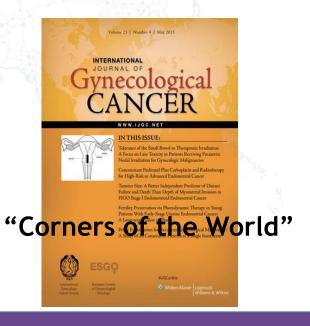
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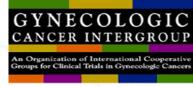
- Not required but encouraged
- Our future goal is to have fellows presenting abstracts at meetings and publishing in peer-reviewed journals











## Project ECHO Virtual Global Tumor Boards









## Project ECHO Virtual Tumor Board

- Occur monthly, M&M quarterly
- Last one hour
  - 40-45 minutes of case presentations
  - 15-20 minute didactic lecture
- Local providers present de-identified patient cases and receive feedback from international experts:
  - Gyn Onc
  - Gyn Pathology
  - Radiation Oncology
  - Palliative Care, Pediatric Oncology





## Project ECHO Virtual Tumor Board

#### Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program:

- Mozambique (Portuguese)
- Vietnam
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Caribbean

#### IGCS Strategic Alliance Partnership regions:

- Belarus
- Kazakhstan (English/Russian)
- Latin America (Spanish)

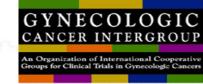




# Strategic Alliance Membership Program Program Overview

- IGCS is seeking to develop alliances with Regional Societies whose objectives are consistent and aligned with the Society.
- This partnership will bring together the leaders and memberships of organizations allowing for closer dialogue, idea sharing and a forum for information and collaboration in finding solutions to the many issues that face us in gynecologic oncology around the world.
- IGCS is confident the Strategic Alliance Membership will have a positive impact and improve the outcome and quality of life of women suffering from gynecologic cancers





#### Program Benefits Network

Mentorship of Young Doctors in clinical trials, publishing, abstracts, and presentations at scientific meetings.

#### **Leadership Collaborations**

IGCS believes there is mutual benefit in having a dialogue between the Society leadership and Regional Societies to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the organizations and the specialty.

#### Presence on igcs.org Website

With a new website launched in late October of 2016 the IGCS will offer a prominent location on the site that will include a Society page under Strategic Alliance Member Section. It will include logo, information about the society, leadership, how to become a member and member benefits, any upcoming events, and a link to your society website.



## Program Benefits

#### IGCS International Women's Cancer Partner Roundtable

IGCS is committed to including Regional Societies in our meaningful conversations with our industry partners.

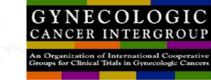
The Partner Roundtable program is conducted in a format that allow for open discussion and problem-solving in areas of mutual interest, current trends, and future topics in gynecologic oncology, along with specific issues as identified by industry.

#### Member Only portal of igcs.org

An important component of the new IGCS website is the educational portal that is the member only access. It will provide interim state of the art continuing medical education in between AGOI conferences. Education offerings include:

- Virtual Tumor Board
- Surgical Film Library
- Education Exchange talks
- Biennial meeting webcasts
- Peer-Reviewed Journal Blogs







## Program Benefits

#### Annual Disease Awareness Campaign

IGCS is committed to promoting awareness of gynecologic cancers and partnering with Regional Societies to make this happen.

Together there will be the development and dissemination of materials in a disease awareness campaign specific to cervical cancer. Tool kits will be developed in concert with the Regional Society and disseminated to members and their patients.

#### Other Benefits

Annual Complimentary advertisement in IJGC

Complimentary table top booth at the IGCS Meeting

Publication of regional society's activities and accomplishments in one edition of IJGC, subject to editorial review.

Discounted Journal subscription available to regional society members at discount from Publisher pricing and WHO classification.



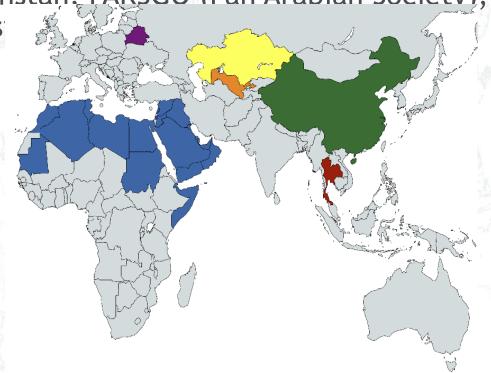
# Strategic Alliance Membership Program

Belarus, China, Kazakhstan. PARSGO (Pan Arabian Society),

Thailand, and Uzbekis

#### IGCS Strategic Alliance Partners

- China
- Belarus
- Pan Arabian Research Society of Gynecologic Oncology
- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Thailand









IGCS desires and is positioning itself to be THE Global organization for Gynecologic Oncology and will accomplish this by developing international alliances involving many different countries.

Cervix Cancer Education Symposium, South Africa, January



#### **Future Annual Meeting Locations**

2019 Rio de Janerio

**2020 Rome** 

**2021 North America** 

**2022 Middle East** 

