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The IPOS Quality Standard
Distress, the 6th Vital Sign

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The Strategic Objective for 2020



Target 7

Access to accurate diagnosis, appropriate cancer treatments, supportive care, rehabilitation services and palliative care for all patients worldwide

Target 5

Public attitudes towards cancer will improve and damaging myths and misconceptions about the disease will be dispelled

Priority actions

- Promote the development and use of cancer treatment guidelines

The World Cancer Declaration

The World Cancer Declaration is a tool to help bring the growing cancer crisis to the attention of government leaders and health policy-makers in order to significantly reduce the global cancer burden by 2020 through 11 key targets.

It represents a consensus between government officials, public health experts and cancer advocates from around the world who are committed to addressing cancer as a life-threatening disease for future generations.

In one way or another, we can make a difference. By signing the World Cancer Declaration, governments join a worldwide community calling on key decision makers to commit to key actions required for a cancer free world.

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"We the global cancer community call on the world to take immediate steps to reduce the global cancer burden by committing to the 11 Declaration targets and providing the resources and political backing needed to achieve them."

As the custodian of the Declaration, UICC encourages action to achieve the Declaration's targets locally, nationally, regionally and globally, and promotes a comprehensive response across the globe.

Partnership is key within the framework of the World Cancer Declaration: "By working together, we can more easily implement the priority actions and achieve the 2020 targets."

Priority actions

We believe that the Declaration to

HEALTH POLICY

- Place cancer on the development country's investment in dealing with the country. Organize development agencies, the private sector and stakeholders to ensure need. Involve all major stakeholders.
- Implement strategies that have been proven to be effective.
- Increase efforts to involve cancer patients in the development of health policy.

CANCER PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION

- Increase efforts to reduce tobacco consumption on tobacco control.
- Raise awareness about the need for professional education about reducing strategies at a community level.
- Encourage governments to implement measures to ensure that cancer prevention and early detection programs are widely available.
- Advocate for the provision of a screening technology for early detection.

CANCER TREATMENT

- Promote the development and use of cancer treatment guidelines.
- Ensure that sufficient treatment, rehabilitation, supportive care and palliative care are available for all patients worldwide.
- Take steps to tackle the many barriers to optimal cancer control. Work with governments to address the over-regulation of cancer medicines. Cooperate with international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board and the World Health Organization, to ensure that global implementation of the WHO's international drug control conventions do not unduly interfere with legitimate efforts to advance access to cancer medicines that are affordable and of assured quality.
- Work with the pharmaceutical industry to increase access to cancer medicines that are affordable and of assured quality.
- Increase the number of health professionals with expertise in all aspects of cancer control by providing specialist training opportunities and fellowships to enable professionals to study in specialist settings.
- Raise awareness about the impact of health worker emigration on the ability of countries to provide adequate levels of cancer care and work collectively to address global and national health workforce shortages and the resultant deepening of inequity.
- Increase investment in independent basic and applied cancer research and accelerate the translation of research findings into clinical and public health practice.
- Encourage cancer research organizations in different countries to collaborate, share data and define complementary research objectives to optimize the use of the limited funds available for cancer research and reduce duplication of effort.

Targets: by 2020

- Sustainable delivery systems will be in place to ensure that effective cancer control programmes are available in all countries.
- The measurement of the global cancer burden and the impact of cancer control interventions will have improved significantly.
- Global tobacco consumption, obesity and alcohol intake levels will have fallen significantly.
- Populations in the areas affected by HIV and AIDS will be covered by universal vaccination programmes.
- Public attitudes towards cancer will improve and damaging myths and misconceptions about the disease will be dispelled.
- Many more cancers will be diagnosed when still localized through the provision of screening and early detection programmes and high levels of public and professional awareness about important cancer warning signs.
- Access to accurate cancer diagnosis, appropriate cancer treatments, supportive care, rehabilitation services and palliative care will have improved for all patients worldwide.
- Effective pain control measures will be available universally to all cancer patients in pain.
- The number of training opportunities available for health professionals in different aspects of cancer control will have improved significantly.
- Emigration of health workers with specialist training in cancer control will have reduced dramatically.
- There will be major improvements in cancer survival rates in all countries.

PROGRESSING TOWARDS THE 2020 TARGETS

- Through its member organizations, now more than 400 in over 120 countries, the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) promotes partnerships and international collaboration aimed at accelerating progress towards achieving the 2020 targets.
- Given the huge variability in cancer burden and service provision throughout the world, UICC encourages members to use the World Cancer Declaration as a template to develop regional or national cancer declarations that can better reflect local needs and priorities and allow for more accurate quantification of targets where data exist.

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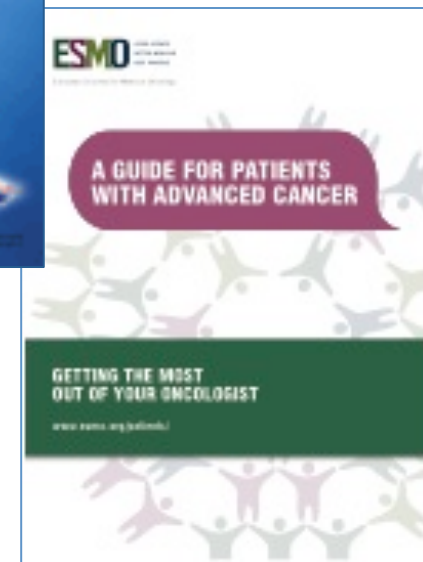
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- WCC 2010, Shenzhen
UICC endorses IPOS recommendation that cancer care standards and clinical practice guidelines be revised.
- My Child Matters partner SIOP endorses
- Joint UICC and IPOS statement in the new ESMO published guide on advanced cancer
- Promotion of the special issue in Psycho-oncology to UICC members
- WCLS 2011, Dublin
Renewed call for UICC members to endorse and inspire reform of national standards and clinical practice guidelines



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The vision:

In routine practice vital signs assess basic functioning include body temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, pain and DISTRESS.

Today's commitments:

Effect of distress on cancer patients, families and the community has largely been overlooked in models of primary care, despite the serious consequences of distress on patients' prospects of long-term survival and quality of life

- UICC commitment to advocate for change in its global advocacy with NCD Alliance partners eg distress assessment module in WHO's PEN package
- UICC member organisations to call on their home nations to rank distress as the 6th vital sign in cancer care and share best practice research
- WCC 2014 in Melbourne – we look forward to promising progress!



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