

The FIGO Cervix Cancer Committee: Its cervix cancer campaign strategies

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International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics

- FIGO — is the only worldwide organization that groups obstetricians and gynecologists.
- The mission of FIGO is to promote the well-being of women and to raise the standard of practice in obstetrics and gynecology.

- FIGO is a benevolent, non-profit organization funded through subscriptions received from member societies, grants and the proceeds of its triennial World congress.
- More than one hundred member countries.

FIGO oncology committee

- **Chair: Prof. Hextan Y S Ngan (Hong Kong)**

Members:

Prof. Neville Hacker (Australia)

Prof. Lynette Denny (South Africa)

Prof. Howard Jones III (USA)

Prof. Sergio Pecorelli (Italy)

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Mission of Oncology Committee

- Staging
- clinical practice guidelines
- annual report
- education and training
- links with regional societies
- projects

Cervical Cancer

- Big burden to women in the world
- One of the mission of FIGO to combat cervical cancer

FIGO strategies

- Education at different levels, to different targets, by different means
- Purpose is to enable more people to know how to prevent, detect and manage cervical cancer

Education to medical professional

- A book on 'Preventing Cervical Cancer and Diseases associated with Human Papillomavirus Infection' is soon to be published addressing the various aspects of HPV and related disease including prevention and treatment
- Contents will be published as a supplementary issue of IJGO at FIGO congress 2006
- Include virology, epidemiology, clinical presentations and management, screening and early detection, vaccination
- The target is generalists, gynaecologists and gynaecological oncologists

Education

- The Clinical Practice Guidelines First edition, 2000
- Second edition, 2003 (Chile) – collaboration with IGCS (International Gynecologic Cancer Society)
- Third edition under preparation for 2006 Congress
- Has a chapter on management of pre-invasive and invasive cervical cancer
- The target is trainees, gynaecologists and gynaecological oncologists and other oncologists.

Educational workshop

- Current workshop did not specify on the need to include cervical cancer
- More directed by national societies' need
- In future, could include as part of the workshop or stand alone workshop on prevention, early detection and management of cervical cancer

Educational materials

- Future - to develop educational tools, materials, audiovisuals that can be used or adopted for local training

Fellowship

- Current fellowship catered for need of individual applicant
- Can assign specific fellowship in relationship to cervical cancer control
- Can be considered in different fields such as public health, screening, management of pre-invasive lesions, oncology training in management of cervical cancer

Conferences

- FIGO 3 yearly conference
- Other Societies or Organization Conferences
- Act to disseminate message, current and latest development, recommendations to a big audience
- Each conference related to OG or oncology should designate at least one session on cervical cancer and control

Projects

- Limited funding available
- Act as co-ordinator for multi-nationals projects, to seek grant money, to gather experts, to help writing of grants

International liaison

- Close collaboration with IGCS – CPG, educational workshop and fellowship
- ESGO/FIGO/IGCS/SGO working group
- International study group on HPV
- WHO, IARC, UICC
- Possibility of more regional and national collaboration

Audit- FIGO Annual Report

- Contained basic demographic data, stage, treatment and outcome.
- Though data is not comprehensive, provide some information for reference
- Invitation to contribute data to the annual report which is published triennially at time of FIGO congress
- FIGO Annual Report Editorial Office, Milan, Italy.
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Future

- Establish similar audit report on the management of pre-invasive cervical lesions

Challenges

- Providing education is only one part of the combat against cervical cancer
- Knowing how but cannot do it is very frustrating

Barriers

- Government support – political mobilization, fight against fetal maternal need, children
- Accessibility – each area has its own problem
- Acceptability - cultural, religious
- Affordability – special price to developing countries

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