



PAHO-IARC Collaboration Planning Meeting on Cancer Registries

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PAHO Meeting in Collaboration with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France

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Cancer Information in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)— An IARC/PAHO Collaboration: Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2009–2014

Overall Goal: Enhance cancer information in LAC

IARC Role

Support training and technical issues regarding cancer registration in LAC

PAHO Role

Covering the topics, political recognition, training, communication, sustainability, cancer information, stakeholders

Specific Goals

Political

- Integration with national healthcare systems (institutionalization)
- Integration with other stakeholders

Technical

- Developing criteria for ideal cancer registration
- How to build Cancer Registries in LAC
- Use of technology for cancer registries
- The research component as part of the cancer registry activities
- Methodologies to evaluate cancer registries
- Improve the country-level estimates to match IARC
- Country-level organization with responsibility for quality control, resource centre etc.

Education/Training

- Centers of Excellence for training (subregional)
- Documenting basic competencies for building cancer-registries
- When training – to consider all required competencies (e.g. collecting, coding)
- Consider external links for registrar accreditation.

- Distance-learning as a particular paradigm
- In particular, use of university teaching resources and experience as an accreditation source

Communication

- Three main languages: Translation of all main publications/information
- Strengthen communications regarding cancer information at country level
- Dissemination of cancer registry information (within country and internationally)
- Peer-reviewed information – consider funded journal edition with invited articles (e.g. *Pan Am J Public Health*); review current LAC journals for possible journal to use; open-access articles
- The use of health economics as a vehicle for talking to public-health policymakers
- Annual meeting
- Journal as a vehicle for cancer information in LAC

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