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Pediatric Cancer Working Group for Latin America and the Caribbean

2-3 February 2017

Pan American Health Organization, Room B

525 23rd St NW

Washington, DC 20037

AGENDA

Context: Cancer is among the leading causes of death in children under the age of 15 years. In high-income countries, pediatric cancer mortality has been reduced significantly, as a result of earlier diagnosis and effective treatment, and survival rates are 80% or higher. Yet in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), pediatric cancer mortality continues to be high and survival rates significantly lower than high-income countries. As a result, there is increasing interest in the global health community to develop strategies to improve early diagnosis and treatment in LAC, to decrease pediatric cancer mortality and reduce the gaps in outcomes. There is also a need to complete information on the pediatric cancer situation and the health system response in LAC, to inform the development of feasible and sustainable strategies. Therefore, the Pan American Health Organization has formed a working group on pediatric cancer, and in collaboration with the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), Sick Kids Hospital, and the University of Chile, an analysis is being conducted on how pediatric cancer care is currently delivered, funded and organized in LAC. This working group was initiated in November 2016 and the information collection phase of the analysis is currently in process. The working group will have its first face to face meeting on February 2-3, 2017 to review and discuss the regional analysis, and begin to discuss strategies to improve pediatric cancer in the Region.

Purpose:

1. Discuss information available and needed to complete the regional analysis on pediatric cancer care in LAC.
2. Identify key elements within the health care system that need strengthening to improve pediatric cancer in LAC.
3. Begin to develop recommendations for countries, and collaborating institutions, on how pediatric cancer care can be improved in LAC.

Thursday, 2 February, 2017

8:30am	Participant registration
9:00am	Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives <i>Silvana Luciani, Department on Noncommunicable Diseases, PAHO</i>
9:15am	SESSION 1: GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF PEDIATRIC CANCER <i>Moderator: Silvana Luciani</i> Lancet Oncology Commission on Pediatric Cancer <i>Dr. Sumit Gupta, Hospital for Sick Kids</i> Questions and answers Latin America Case Studies on Pediatric Cancer <i>Dr. Cristóbal Cuadrado, University of Chile</i> Questions and answers
10:30am	Coffee break [key informant interview with one country during break]
11:00am	SESSION 2: COUNTRY EXAMPLES ON THE SITUATION WITH PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE <i>Moderator: Dr. Monika Metzger</i> Country case presentations on pediatric cancer care organization, outcomes and health system challenges to reduce mortality. Argentina: Dr Florencia Moreno Chile: Dr. Myriam Campbell Bull Guatemala: Dr. Federico Antillón Honduras: Dr. Armando Pena Discussion, questions and answers
12:30pm	LUNCH BREAK [Project Team Meeting Over Lunch]
1.30pm	SESSION 2 cont'd: COUNTRY EXAMPLES ON THE SITUATION WITH PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE <i>Moderator: Dr. Tezer Kutluk</i> Country case presentations on pediatric cancer care organization, outcomes and health system challenges to reduce mortality. Barbados: Dr Cheryl Alexis Cuba: Dr. Caridad Verdecia Mexico: Dr. Jaime Shalkow Discussion, questions and answers Sickkids-Caribbean Initiative: Highlights of phase I and plans for phase II <i>Dr. Sumit Gupta, Hospital for Sick Kids</i>

	Questions and answers
3:30pm	Coffee break [key informant interview with one country during break]
4:00pm	SESSION 3: IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDS TO IMPROVE THE PEDIATRIC CANCER SITUATION <i>Moderator: Dr. Tom Gross</i> Outcomes of the UICC/Sickkids Brocher meeting <i>Dr. Avram Denburg, Hospital for Sick Kids</i> Moderated discussion to identify the barriers, challenges, and needs to improve pediatric cancer outcomes, based on the following questions: What are the main gaps in health policies and services to improve outcomes for childhood cancer in your country? What are the factors that are inhibiting improvements in health policies and services to fill these gaps in care? What opportunities exist to improve childhood cancer in your country?
4:55pm	CONCLUSIONS
5.00pm	ADJOURN

Friday, 3 February 2017

9:00am	Review and highlights of previous day's discussion
9:15am	SESSION 4: STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE PEDIATRIC CANCER IN LAC <i>Moderator: Dr. Sumit Gupta</i> Moderated discussion to identify strategies and a plan to improve pediatric cancer care in LAC, based on the previous discussion on barriers and needs and covering the following topics: -Governance and financing of pediatric cancer care -Access to essential medicines, and clinical trials -Clinical protocols -Health human resources training -Monitoring and evaluation of outcomes (pediatric cancer registries)
10:30am	Coffee break [key informant interview with one country during break]

10.45am	<p>SESSION 5: INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT <i>Moderator: Dr. Betzabe Butron Riveros</i></p> <p>Discussion on the technical support available from PAHO, UICC, Sick Kids Hospital, St. Jude’s Hospital and US NCI to support strengthening pediatric cancer care in LAC, as well as opportunities for South-South collaboration.</p>
11:30pm	<p>Agreements, Next steps and Concluding Remarks <i>Moderator: Silvana Luciani</i></p> <p>Agreement on the working group tasks and next steps to finalize the regional analysis, and to develop the plan to improve pediatric cancer care in LAC.</p>
<p>12:30pm LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>[key informant interview with one country during break]</p>	
1:30pm	<p>Concurrent sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Face-Book Live Activity to commemorate World Cancer Day 2. Finalize key informant interviews for the Latin America case studies with those who have not yet been interviewed. 3. Video recordings with experts for PAHO’s communication campaign. 4. Project team meeting.
<p>4.00pm Adjourn</p>	