





Closing the cancer divide for women in the Americas: diagonal health system innovations

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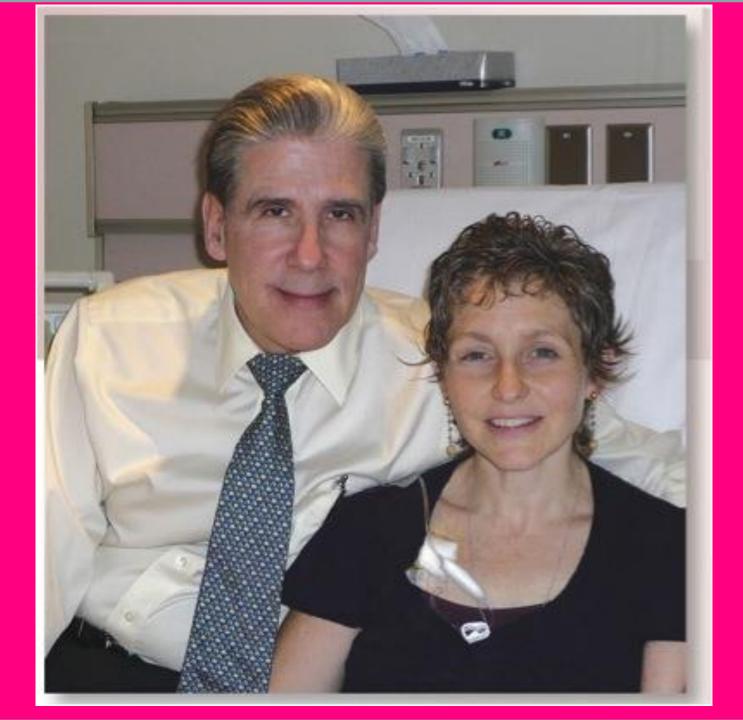














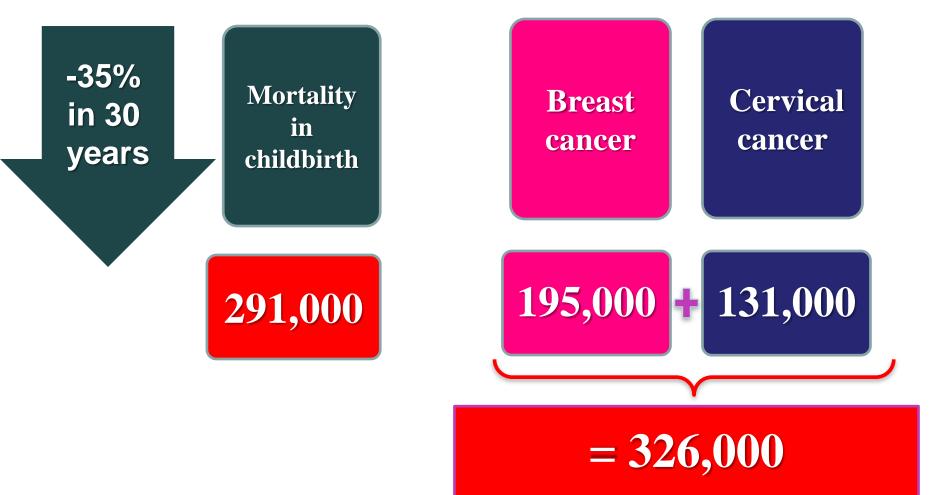


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- 1. Growing equity and health priority
- 2. Health systems strengthening through a diagonal approach
- 3. Examples from Mexico
- 4. Evidence-based advocacy to close divides

Women and mothers in LMICs face many risks through the life cycle

Annual deaths: Women 15-59



Source: Estimates based on data from IHME 2016

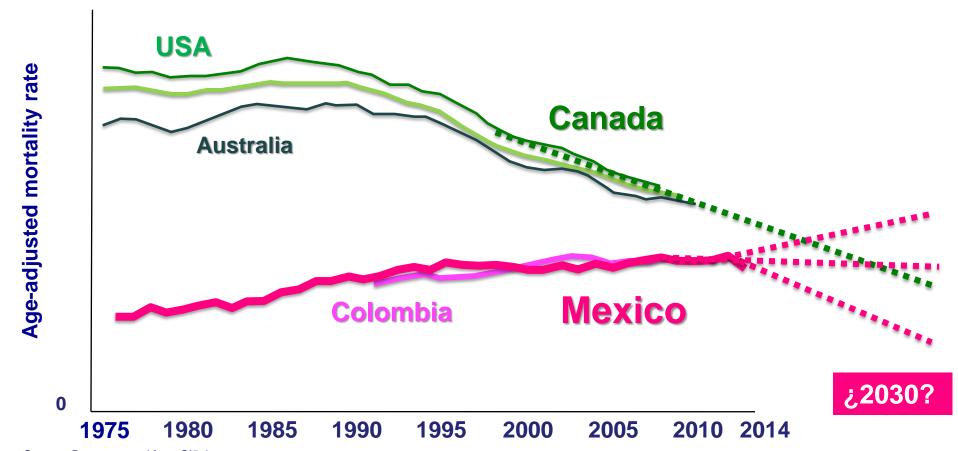
Leading causes of death among women 15 to 49 years, select LA countries, 2016

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Chile	Costa Rica	México	Brasil
1 Self-harm	1 Breast cancer	1 Chronic kidney disease	1 Road injuries
2 Breast cancer	2 Road injuries	2 Road injuries	2 Cerebrovascular disease
3 Road injuries	3 Cervical cancer	3 Diabetes	3 Ischemic heart disease
4 Cerebrovascular disease	4 Ischemic heart disease	4 Breast cancer	4 Interpersonal violence
5 Cervical cancer	5 Chronic kidney disease	5 Interpersonal violence	5 Breast cancer
6 Ischemic heart disease	6 Self-harm	6 Ischemic heart disease	6 HIV/AIDS
7 Gallbladder cancer	7 Interpersonal violence	7 Cervical cancer	7 Cervical cancer
8 Other neoplasms	8 Cerebrovascular disease	8 Cerebrovascular disease	8 Lower respiratory infect
9 Colorectal cancer	9 Leukemia	9 Self-harm	9 Self-harm
10 Leukemia	10 Stomach cancer	10 Leukemia	10 Chronic kidney disease
Bolivia	Ecuador	Perú	Colombia
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2 Cerebrovascular disease	2 Cerebrovascular disease	2 Road injuries	2 Breast cancer
3 Self-harm	3 Chronic kidney disease	3 Cervical cancer	3 Road Injuries
4 Road injuries	4 Self-harm	4 Ischemic heart disease	4 Cervical cancer
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6 Chronic kidney disease	6 Cervical cancer	6 Breast cancer	6 Cerebrovascular disease 7 HIV/AIDS
7 Breast cancer	7 Interpersonal violence	7 Chronic kidney disease	
8 Lower respiratory infect	8 Breast cancer	8 Tuberculosis	8 Self-harm
9 Maternal hemorrhage	9 Lower respiratory infect	9 Stomach cancer	9 Other musculoskeletal
10 Interpersonal violence	10 Diabetes	10 HIV/AIDS	10 Other neoplasms

"Avoidable" cancer deaths: Breast and Cervical, The Americas and LMICs

	Breast	Cervical
Latin America and the Caribbean	57%	64%
Low and middle income countries	75%	95%

Trends in breast cancer mortality: USA, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Colombia

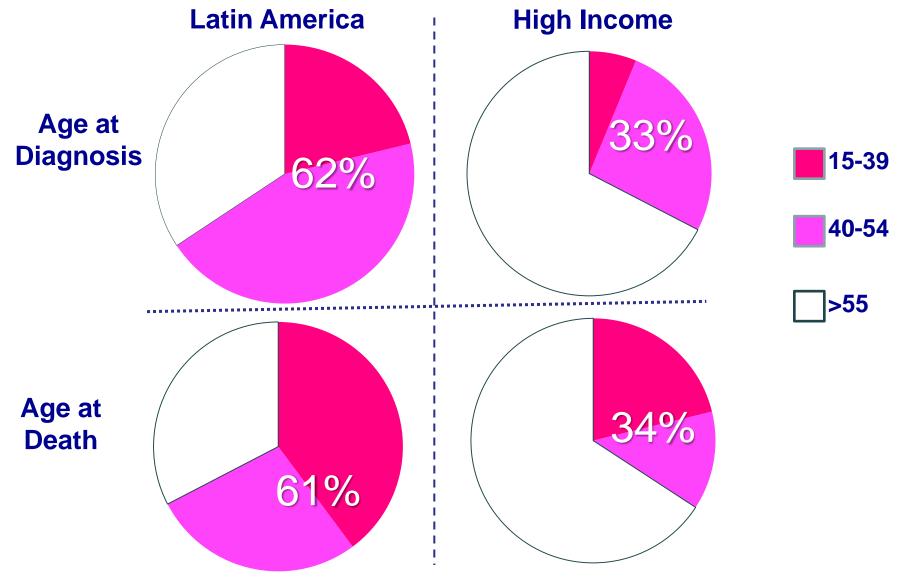


Source: Data extracted from CI5plus.

Breast Cancer Stage at Diagnosis:Latin America and USA

Stage at diagnosis	Lat Am	USA
I	21%	80%
II-III	71%	19%
IV	7%	1%

In LMICs, including LatAm, a large % of Breast Cancer cases and deaths are in women <55



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Universal Health Coverage

UHC: All people must obtain the health services they require - prevention, promotion, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care - without the risk of impoverishment (WHO)



Latin America: a wave of health reforms in the challenging context of a complex epidemiological transition, a high and increasing burden of non-communicable and chronic disease, and with very fragmented health systems

An *effective* UHC response to chronic illness must integrate interventions along the

Continuum of disease:

- 1. Primary prevention
- 2. Early detection
- 3. Diagnosis
- 4. Treatment
- 5. Survivorship
- 6. Palliative care

...As well through each

Health system function

- 1. Stewardship
 - 2. Financing
 - 3. Delivery
- 4. Resource generation

The Diagonal Approach to Health System Strengthening

- Rather than focusing on either disease-specific vertical or horizontal-systemic programs, <u>harness synergies</u> that provide <u>opportunities to tackle disease-specific priorities while addressing systemic gaps and <u>optimize available resources</u></u>
- ← Diagonal strategies add value:
 - ₹ Exploit existing platforms e.g. anti-poverty programs

 - ← Generate positive externalities

 - *\tau Avoid the false dilemma of disease silos

'Diagonalizing' Cancer Care: Financing & Delivery

- 1. Financing: Integrate cancer care into national social insurance and social security programs and reforms
- 2. Delivery: Integrate cancer prevention, survivorship and palliative care into primary care platforms, maternal and child health and anti-poverty programs.
- 3. Pain control and palliative care: reducing barriers to access for cancer care improves access for all, and strengthens surgical platforms
- 4. Advocacy: Integrate advocacy around women's cancer to harness, but also catalyze women's health and empowerment, health system reform, & SDGs

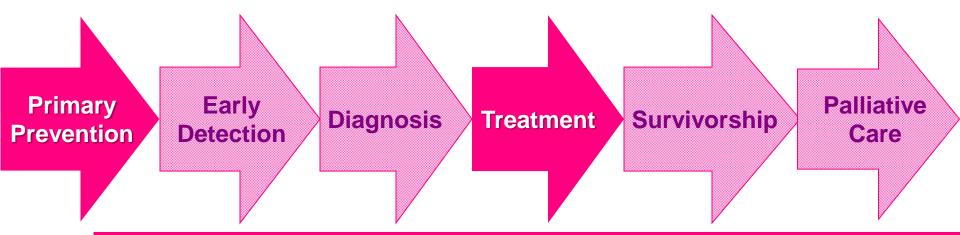
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Breast cancer: care continuum



Mexico: Exemplary programs for prevention of risk factors and investment in treatment but....

late detection, long lag time between diagnosis and treatment, and little access to survivorship or palliative care.



Expansion of Financial Coverage: Seguro Popular México

Affiliation:

• 2004: 6.5 m

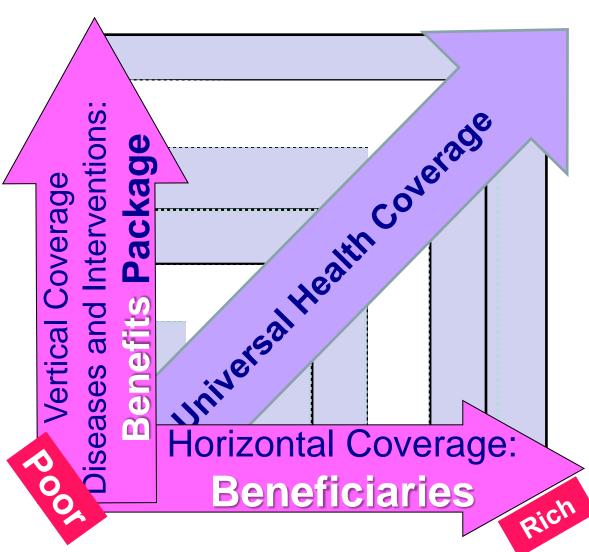
• 2016: 54.9 m

Benefit package:

• 2004: 113

2016: 287

61 in the Catastrophic Illness Fund



Seguro Popular now includes cancers in the national, catastrophic illness fund

- Universal coverage by disease with an effective package of interventions
 - ₹2004/6: HIV/AIDS, cervical, ALL in kids
 - 2007: Pediatric cancers; Breast cancer

Seguro Popular and breast cancer: Evidence of impact

* Adherence to treatment:

₹2005: 200/600

t 2010: 10/900

Human faces of impact:

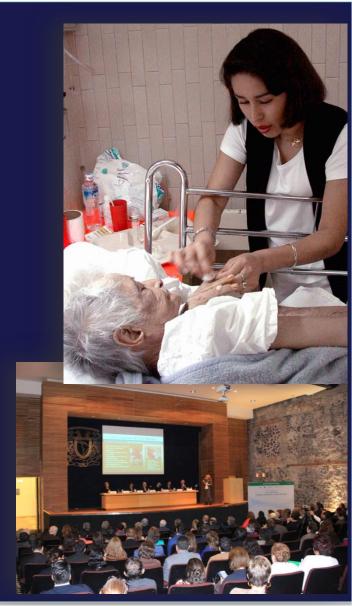
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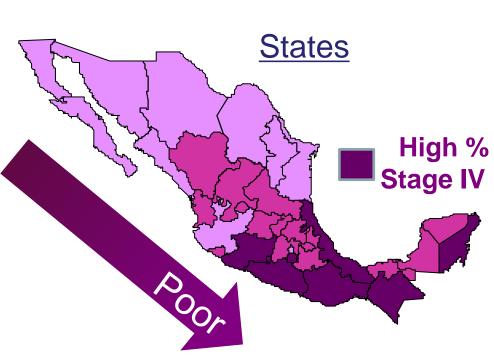
Access to opioid analgesics in Mexico: System-wide failure

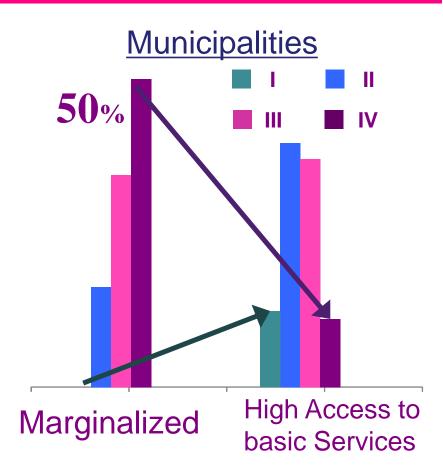
- 562 mg morphine-equivalent per patient with palliative care need
- Unmet need:
 - 64% palliative care need
 - 95% of all pain control
- Inter-institutional civil societyled group advocating for change
- Examples of Results:
 - transition from paper to electronic presciptions
 - inclusion in Seguro Popular



Breast Cancer early detection: Delivery failure

- 10-15% of cases detected in Stage I
- Poor municipalities: 50% Stage 4; 5x rate for rich





Source: Authors' estimates with database from IMSS, 2014

Diagonalizing Delivery: Engage and Train primary care promoters, nurses and doctors in early detection and post-treatment management of breast cancer









Significant increase in knowledge, among health promoters, especially

in clinical breast examination

(Keating, Knaul et al 2014, The Oncologist)

Diagonalizing delivery:

Inclusion of early detection of breast cancer in the cash transfer, anti-poverty program *Prospera*



- Training materials for beneficiaries includes information about early detection of breast as well as cervical cancer
- 3 million copies for promoters and trainers
- Reaches more than 90% of poor households in rural areas

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Vision:

Improve regional and national capacity to respond to the challenge of women's cancers in Latin America.

Mission:

ULACCAM is a regional, civil society network dedicated to influencing policy making on women's cancers and promoting universal access to information, preventive services, early detection, effective diagnosis, and high quality treatment at all stages of disease.

10 Countries represented by 22 NGO's



ULACCAM Women's Cancer Observatory - in construction

- C Designed to provide policy and advocacy-oriented data, summarized in an instrument that can be effectively utilized by civil society.
- A series of core, basic indicators derived from secondary data sources.
- Time series: Annual monitoring of regional progress, as well as comparative country perform relative making it a powerful tool for national advocacy.
- Can be readily transformed into National Observatories by and for local advocacy groups and civil society.

ULACCAM Regional Observatory scorecard: examples of indicators

Does the country have....

- 1. A National cancer plan and national women's cancer plans
- 2. A national cancer registry including women's cancer
- 3. Integration of women's cancer into women's health plans
- 4. An office for women's cancer in the Ministry of Health
- 5. Offial "norms" for women's cancer issued by the MoH, and updated every 5 years
- 6. Number of registered NGOs working on women's cancer



Closing divides around women 's cancer is a health, equity & economic imperative; affordable and achievable through diagonal approaches. Synergistic strategies combining women's rights, health and cancer platforms need to be developed & implemented.







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