Update on NCI Center for Global Health

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15th Virtual Meeting of the National Cancer Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Global Cancer Research



Center for Global Health

August 31, 2021

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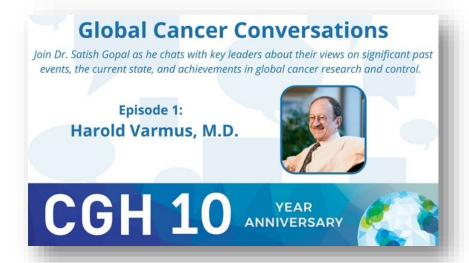
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CGH10 commemoration – celebrating global health at NCI









Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research

- 29 speakers from 12 countries
- 428 attendees from institutions in 45 countries
 - 72% of post-meeting survey respondents had not previously attended
 - All post-meeting survey respondents likely to attend virtually next year
- 101 accepted abstracts covering research in 68 countries
- 59,473 website visits from 35,688 individual users in 100 countries

Mentimeter as a tool for facilitating equitable participation



CGH 2021-2025 Strategic Plan

(from establishing to evolving a center; from integrating to prioritizing cancer in global health)

<u>2011</u>

...we have recently established the NCI Center for Global Health, which will develop an appropriate research strategy to help incorporate cancer control into global health programs; foster relevant research activities throughout the NCI's own extramural and intramural divisions; and work closely with the many potential collaborators who have displayed an interest in shared objectives.

COMMENTARY | POLICY

Integrating Cancer Control into Global Health

Harold Varmus* and Edward L. Trimble

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<u> 2021</u>

To fulfill President Biden's exhortation to "end cancer as we know it," it will be necessary to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality globally...As the Center for Global Health prepares to enter its second decade, the Center has developed an updated 5-year strategy to address these issues and to renew the NCI's commitment to a leadership role in global cancer research and control.



CGH 2021-2025 Strategic Plan goals

Research

Support innovative, impactful research that (a) addresses key scientific issues in global cancer control and/or (b) leverages unique or unusual scientific opportunities afforded by collaboration with global partners.

Research training

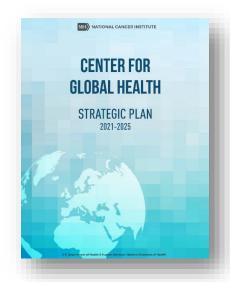
Support cancer research training that enables equitable, impactful global scientific collaboration.

Dissemination

Promote the integration of current scientific knowledge into global cancer control policies and practice.

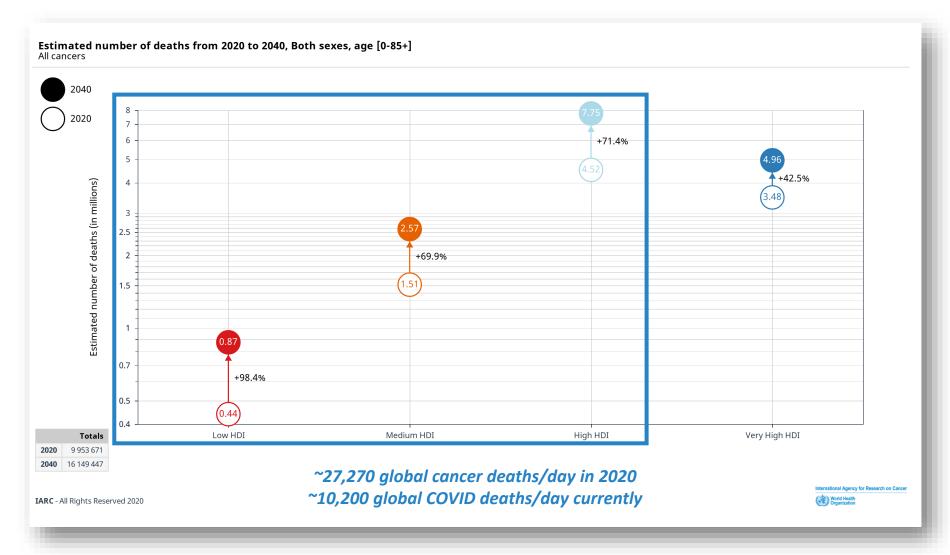
Partnerships

Represent the NCI and promote its engagement with key partners in global cancer research and control.



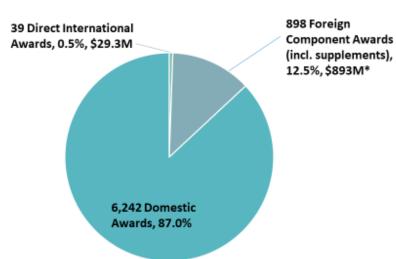
LMICs projected to have 69% of global cancer deaths by 2040

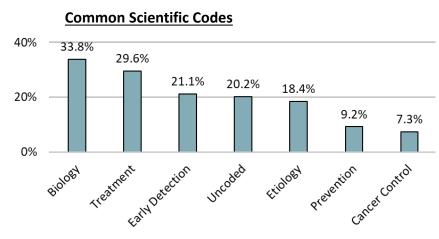
(without COVID and based solely on demographic changes)

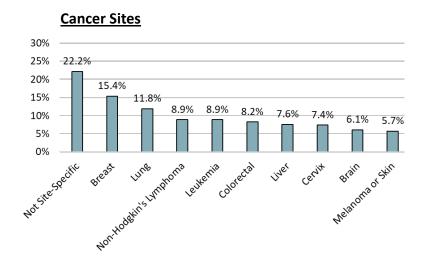


NCI extramural global portfolio (overall and over time)

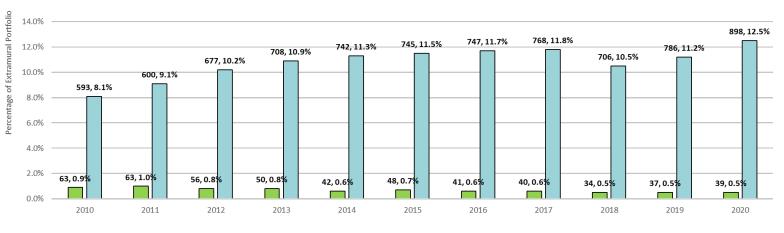
<u>2020</u>







2010-2020 trends







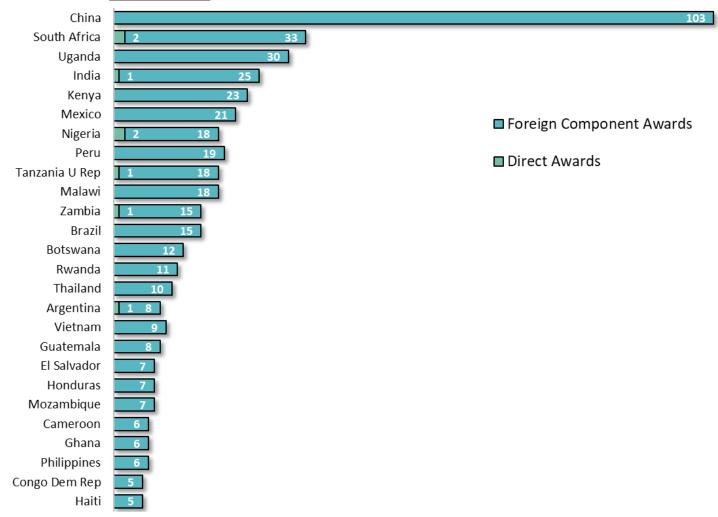
NCI extramural global portfolio 2020 (geographic and income level distribution)

	Extramural Grants
East Asia & Pacific	276
Europe & Central Asia	510
Latin America & Caribbean	63
Middle East & North Africa	30
North America (Canada only)	194
South Asia (4 countries)	26
Sub-Saharan Africa	108

	Extramural Grants
High Income	737
Upper Middle Income	191
Lower Middle Income	96
Low Income	55

Legend	
100+ Projects	
50+ Projects	
30+ Projects	
10+ Projects	

LMIC Awards



CGH 2021-2025 Strategic Plan research themes and programs



Accelerate technology development for global cancer control.

- Cancer Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment Technologies for Global Health (RFA-CA-21-030)
- Notice of Special Interest: Innovative Molecular Analysis Technologies for Low-Resource Settings Globally (NOT-CA-21-025)
- Harnessing Data Science for Health Discovery and Innovation in Africa (RFA-RM-20-015/016/017/018)
- Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (PAR-19-376)
- Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Technologies for Low-Resource Settings SBIR/STTR (PA-18-801/18-802)



Accelerate global cancer implementation science.

- Tobacco Cessation, HIV, and Comorbidities in LMICs (RFA-CA-20-037)
- Dissemination and Implementation Science for Cancer Prevention and Control in Low-Resource Environments (NOT-CA-20-025)
- Implementation Science for Cancer Control in People Living with HIV in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (RFA-CA-21-056)



Understand and address global cancer health disparities.

- Administrative Supplement Opportunity to Support Global Cancer Stigma Research (NOT-CA-21-026)
- Administrative Supplement to Stimulate or Strengthen Global Cancer Health Disparities Research (NOT-CA-20-032)



Increase support for cancer clinical trials in LMICs.

 Supplements to Promote Clinical Research Studies on Pediatric Burkitt Lymphoma in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (PA-16-086)



Increase understanding of cancer etiology and biology through global collaboration.

- Intramural collaborations with CCR/DCEG investigators
- Household air pollution multi-country intervention trial through Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases







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Patti Gravitt, Ph.D., M.S., Deputy Director, Center for Global Health

Patti E. Gravitt, Ph.D., M.S., joined NCI as Deputy Director of the Center for Global Health in July 2021. In this role she leads implementation science efforts and provides scientific and programmatic direction across our research, training, partnership, and dissemination goals.

Dr. Gravitt is a molecular epidemiologist whose research in human papillomavirus and cervical cancer spans the translational spectrum from the natural history of genital infection across the lifespan to the translation of evidence-based prevention tools to low- and middle-income countries. Her efforts have contributed significantly to the evidence base regarding the efficacy of alternative cervical cancer screening strategies, being among the first to show an increase in screening coverage afforded by self-collected sampling and HPV testing and the relatively poor performance of visual inspection methods where intensive international technical assistance and training are not available.

As an extramural researcher, Dr. Gravitt's NIH-funded research included the study of cervical cancer prevention in Peru's Loreto region in the Amazon rainforest. In addition, the study identified approaches to engage health providers



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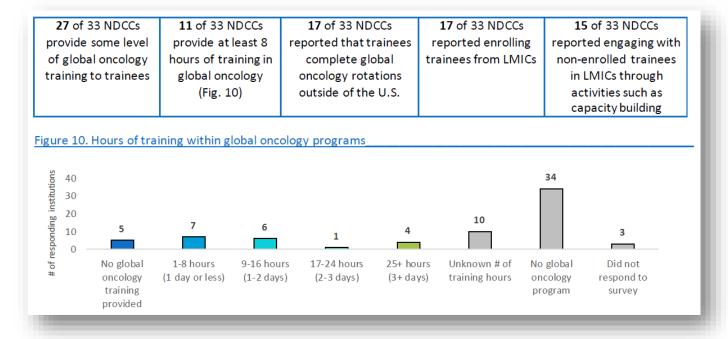
and the community in education, screening, and treatment. Most recently, Dr. Gravitt led a team of interdisciplinary scientists and screening implementers to use a systems-thinking approach to the design, implementation, and evaluation of WHO-recommended, HPV-based screening algorithms. Through this work, she led the development of the Integrated Systems Praxis for Implementation Research (INSPIRE) methodology, which leverages systems thinking and participatory action research for shared decision-making and context adaptation of cancer control programs.

Dr. Gravitt earned her Ph.D. in Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and her M.S. in Biology from University of North Carolina, Charlotte. In addition, she serves on several WHO working groups related to HPV and cervical cancer elimination.

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New D43 awards to address identified gaps in institutional global cancer research training

Limited dedicated global cancer research training at NCIdesignated cancer centers per 2018 survey despite major growth in global oncology activities



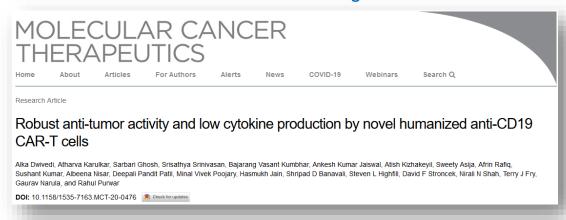
New NCI D43 teams in Senegal, Malawi, Ghana, Mali



CGH 2021-2025 Strategic Plan research training programs

- Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Conduct Global Cancer Research (RFA-CA-20-031)
- International Research Scientist Development Award (PAR-21-104/105)
- Emerging Global Leader Award (PAR-19-051/098)
- Cancer Research Training Travel Awards for LMIC Investigators (extramural)
- Short-Term Scientist Exchange Program (intramural)

Short-term scientist exchange program supporting cellular therapy collaborations between CCR and Indian investigators



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African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer virtual meeting – November 5-10

London Global Cancer Week – November 18

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Upcoming items

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