

# The International Cancer Expert Corps (ICEC): mission, progress, challenges



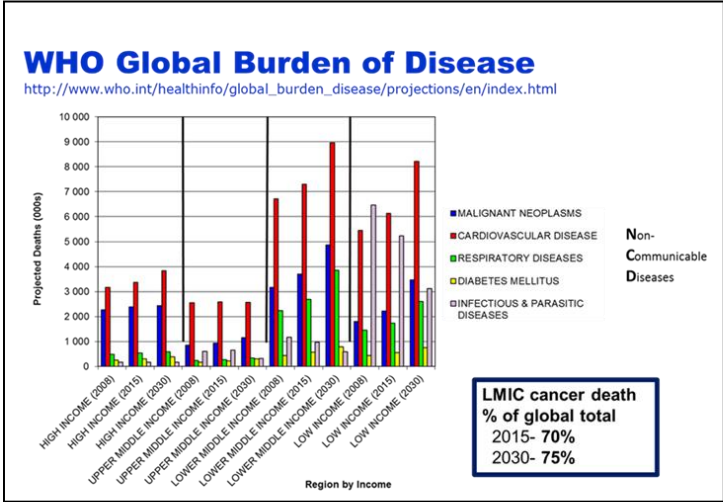
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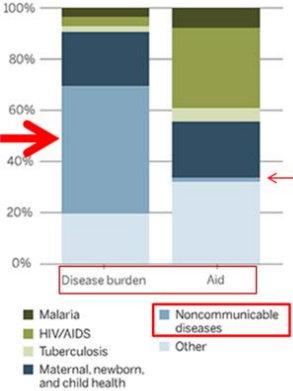
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**Problem we are addressing:**  
 Global shortage of cancer care as an approach to NCDs  
 Spectrum of cancer care with the **need/metric** for radiation therapy **as an essential component of spectrum of cancer care.**



**Skewed funding For NCDs**

The diseases that cause the highest burden—expressed in disability-adjusted life years, or DALYs—don't get most of the international largesse. In 2010, HIV/AIDS



Source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

**1. Big and growing LMIC burden of cancer →**

**2. Huge gap in care, including essential radiotherapy →**

**3. Inadequate investment in NCDs**

# Cancer care continuum: Taking care of cancer also addresses NCDs and Infectious diseases

1. Prevention, screening,  
diagnosis (pathology,  
diagnostic imaging)

2. Treatment- surgery,  
**radiation**, chemotherapy:  
Multi-modality expertise

3. Sustainable care-  
access, public health;  
**Centers of Excellence**



Trained workforce-  
**capacity**, capability

Quality assurance-  
**technology and technique**

**Cost, affordability**  
Healthcare system

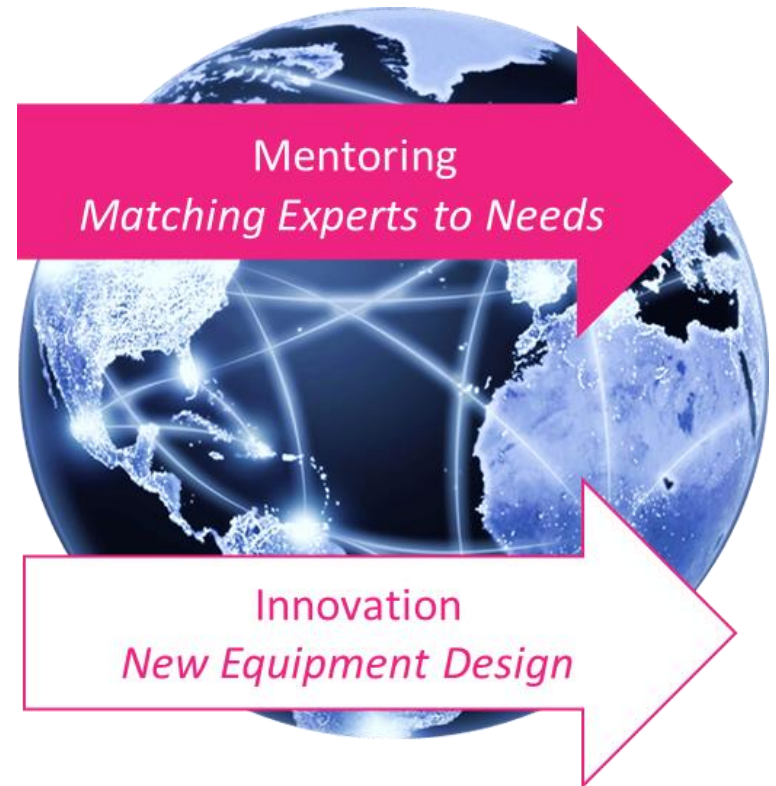


Strengthened healthcare infrastructure



# Vision

ICEC envisions a world in which everyone has access to interventions to prevent and treat cancer and its symptoms using high-quality best practices for the local circumstances.



**2 prongs: Expertise on site with mentorship & the tools that work are needed**



# ICEC Paths

## ICEC Mentoring Model

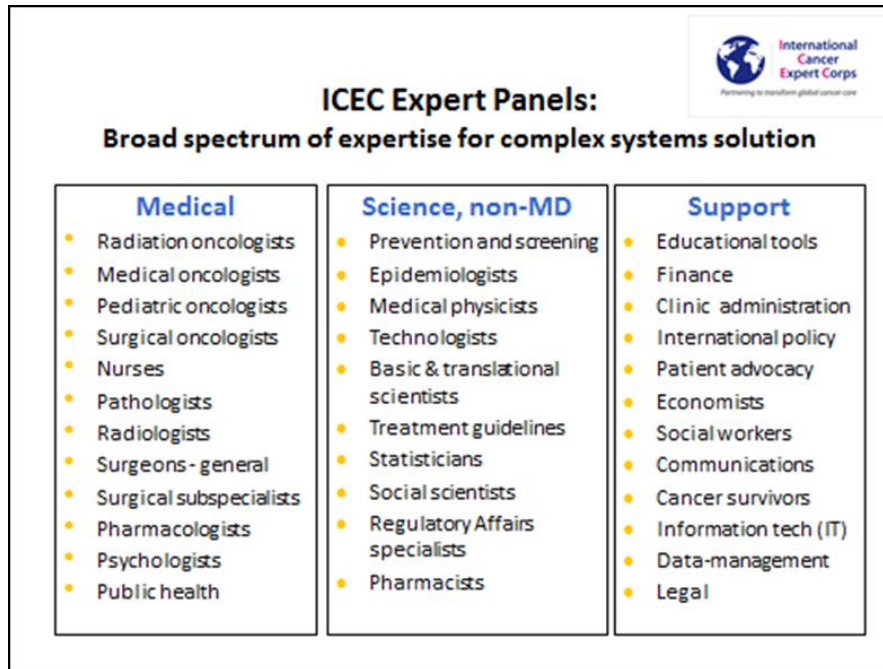
- Establish **Hubs** of expertise
  - Academic medical centers/universities
  - Private practices
  - ICEC Central Hub
- Populate them with **Expert Mentors**
  - Affiliated with a university/practice or ICEC Central hub
  - Individual physicians and other necessary allied healthcare workers
  - Global Health track practitioners
  - Retirees: bringing altruism back to medicine
- Identify **Centers and Associates**
  - Centers: Clinics/hospitals/ and other care delivery sites in underserved areas
  - Associates: Physicians/allied health care workers seeking mentoring/education to guide cancer care to global standards

## ICEC Innovation: New Equipment Design

- **Radiation therapy poses unique challenges in LMICs**
  - Radioactive Cobalt-60 machines present possible environmental and security risks and lack sophistication needed for modern radiotherapy
  - Need for **practical, accessible and affordable technology resources** (including radiation equipment) exist to deliver necessary and high quality cancer care
- **ICEC**
  - **Serve as a convener** to engage stakeholders to promote innovation in new technologies, such as the design of a novel linear accelerator for challenging environments

# ICEC: sustainable mentorship model

Career path **essential**; *breadth of expertise*  
for cancer care

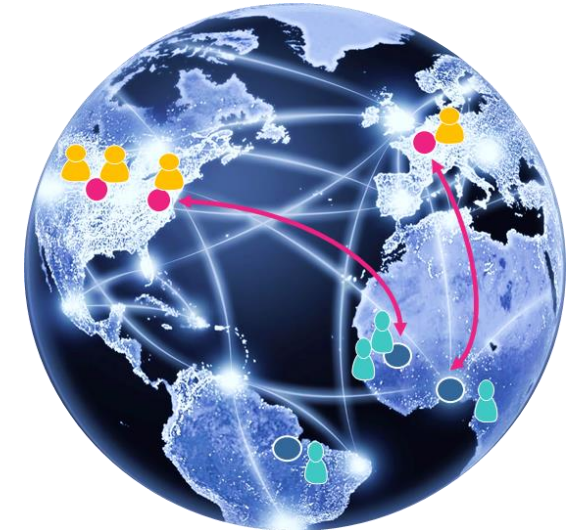


Program support



Developing global  
health expertise

Twinning Projects



**1. Multiple sectors, including academia →**

**2. Bona fide metrics and accomplishments →**

**3. Sustainable improvements in healthcare**



## Supporting “Twinning projects” and the draft 5-Step Plan

1. **Need formality, SOPs and metrics** for assessing progress and for funders/reviewers.
2. **This is step toward LMICs being part of global oncology-** work with IAEA, ASTRO, ESTRO, etc
3. **Build together with interested partners, minimize duplication of efforts** and try to avoid “donor dilution”

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Associates and Centers Establish ICEC Relationship	Finalize ICEC Expert Commitments and Initiate Mentoring	Demonstrate Protocol-based Patient Care;  Join Global Oncology Activities	Becoming a Recognized Regional Cancer Center	Approaching Independence;  Progress to Become an ICEC Hub

Initial pilot projects, interested experts, early career leaders are at work and committed....



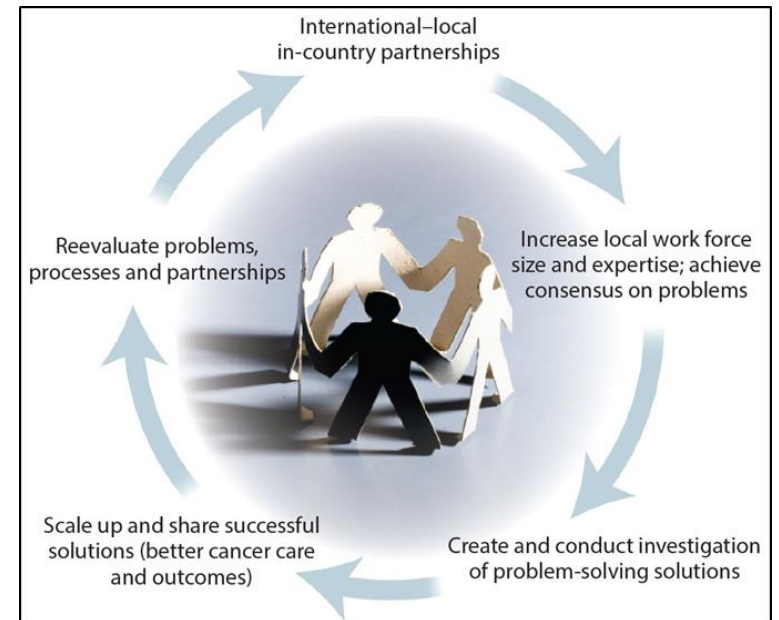
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individuals



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