

Cancer Control Network

Launched in 2005, the National Cancer Control Policy considers cancer a public health problem, in compliance with WHO recommendation. The management of the disease should address early diagnosis and prevention, rather than focusing the treatment of the advanced stages of the disease.

INCA has been developing a Cancer Control Network, where governmental and non-governmental work in association with a purpose: to reduce cancer incidence and mortality, and to ensure the best possible quality of life to patients undergoing treatment.



Do you know INCA?

The National Cancer Institute of Brazil - INCA is an branch of the Ministry of Health that designs and implements cancer control actions for the whole country.

What does INCA do?

INCA coordinates and develops cancer control actions in the areas of education, research, prevention, detection and surveillance, information, and oncological care:

Education

INCA coordinates education and practice to improve oncology services delivery throughout Brazil.



Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Surveillance



INCA develops nationwide programs in association with Brazilian state and municipal health secretariats. INCA carries out strategic cancer prevention and early detection action based on the collection and assessment of technical and scientific data on the disease.

Research

INCA interacts with national and international institutions, and fosters the production of scientific knowledge, to improve diagnostic-therapeutic procedures and trains researchers in Oncology.



Medical care

Strategically, the National Cancer Institute of Brazil provides technical advice to the Ministry of Health on subjects related to science and the cancer care practices (control, evaluation, regulation, and technological incorporation). Only in the State of Rio de Janeiro, INCA treats more than half of the patients with cancer.

How does INCA operate in Brazil?

Through national programs, such as: Radiotherapy Quality Program

Radiation Therapy Quality Program
INCA grants the Brazilian public health system radiotherapy services the conditions for them to apply radiation therapy with quality and efficiency.

Cancer Care Expansion Program

This program focuses the expansion of comprehensive cancer care delivery through the implemen-



tation of High Complexity Cancer Centers. INCA follows the implementation, trains the staff, provides equipment, inspects and oversees the operation of these centers.

Tobacco Control Program

Over 15 years, actions of this program reduced the proportion of smokers in the population in about 40%. These results lead INCA to become a World Health Organization Collaborative Center for Tobacco Control in Latin America, and in Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries.



Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program



The goal of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program is to reduce mortality. It advocates actions towards the early diagnosis of the disease, through a Pap smear test and the clinical examination of the breasts, and the proper treatment of the tumor. Early detection of such tumors is included in the guidelines of the National Cancer Control Policy, launched in 2005.