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CASEC INFORMATION EXCHANGE Cancer Conference

April 23, 2015 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*Bridging The Cancer Care Gap
For
Africans And People Of African Descent*



Patuxent Greens Country Club

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About the Conference

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATION

The WHO warns that the cancer burden is getting worse with low income countries being hit the hardest. Currently 70 % of cancer's 8 million deaths occur in low income countries.

There are projections that without appropriate and aggressive action, within a few years cancer will likely be the dominant health issue in Africa.

Headline data presented at the World Cancer Congress in December 2014 states that "Low-income countries - where services are least developed, facilities largely absent and trained cancer experts few - will need support from the international community to build capacity, a process that is likely to take a decade or more."

We must position ourselves now to optimize partnerships, take full advantage of the wide resources available and actively explore opportunities for collaboration and capacity building between Africa and the west.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the disparity and challenges in cancer care in Africa & people of African descent
- Promote collaboration in cancer care, research and education with Africa
- Learn about innovative tools in cancer care
- Highlight collaborative solutions in cancer care that are implementable now

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Top cancer practitioners
- Top researchers
- NGO and non-profit managers
- Health policymakers
- Frontline staff in cancer care: nurses, pharmacists, social workers and other clinicians
- Other cancer care stakeholders

THE CONFERENCE IS OVER – WHAT NEXT?

Participants should take from this conference, tested, reproduce-able tools to facilitate implementation of policies and programs, and to foster sustainable partnerships to advance cancer care in their communities. Some evaluation tools:

1. Conference Survey.
2. Identify at least 1 program to implement within the year.
3. Use the online forum and blog to record program implementation and outcome .
4. Use the online forum quarterly to identify program shortfalls or if ion track.
5. Use the online forum for regular discussions about your conference experience and outcomes.
6. Disseminate by presenting and publishing.

Online Forum & Blog: www.patchafoundation.org/conferences/forum-feedback

TOGETHER LET'S FIGHT CANCER AND...WIN!

Schedule

8:00 AM - Registration

8:45 AM

Welcome Address

Commissioner Dr. Anu Esuola, Maryland Governor's Commissioner for African Affairs.

8:50 AM

Keynote Address

Mamadou Samba, Director of the Washington, DC Mayor's Office of African Affairs

9:00 AM

Afro Descendants & Global Cancer

Ms. Tonija Hope Navas, Executive Director of Baoba Fund for Racial Equity-North America-----Moderator

Ms. Patricia Green, MSW, MSPR, Senior Communications Manager at HMA Associates

Dr. Joxel Garcia, Chief Medical Officer of Aegis Health Security

Dr. Martin Ojong-Ntui, Radiation Oncologist, Assistant Professor of Radiology, George Washington University Hospital

10:00 AM

Cancer Care Public – Private Partnerships in Africa and the Americas

Ray Michael Bridgewater, Founder, President and CEO of the Assembly of Petworth-----Moderator

Dr. Kenneth Miller, Medical Oncologist at Sinai Hospital and Northwest Hospital, Baltimore

Dr. Doyin Oluwole, Founding executive director of Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon at the George W. Bush Institute

10:45 AM

Case Presentations

Dr. Sylvia Dasi, Executive Assistant, Research Associate and Community Health Specialist at AWCAA----Moderator

Dr. Georges Bwelle, Surgeon and Founder & President of ASCOVIME

11:30 AM - Lunch

Special Recognition

12:30 PM

Role of Community Organizations

Dr. Njwen Anyangwe-Ngute, Senior Scientist at Exponent-----Moderator

Dr. David Awasum, Head of Community Resources and Training Centre

Ify Anne Nwabukwu, RN, President and Founder of the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA)

Adrienne Thomas, LGSW, Project Manager for Community Outreach and Patient Navigation at the GW Cancer Institute

1:15 PM

Treatment, Research, Clinical Trials and Community Health

Dr. Jethro Ekuta, VP, Head of Global Medical Safety Operations, at Janssen -----Moderator

Dr. Samuel Dongmo, Biomedical expert and leader in Healthcare, Research and Pharmaceutical at NIH

Dr. Wilfred Ngwa, Co-director of Global Health Catalyst (GHC) at the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center

Dr. Vanessa Sheppard, Associate Professor, Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown University

2:00 PM - Closing & Networking

Conference Panelists & Speakers

**Commissioner Dr.
Anu Esuola**



Commissioner Dr. Anu Esuola is the Maryland Governor's Commissioner for African Affairs. Dr. Esuola is also the Executive Director of Community Outreach Coalition, Inc, and is the Founder and President of Community Dentistry On Wheels, Inc. She serves as the Chair of the Health Committee & member of the Business Committee.



**Njwen
Anyangwe-Ngute,
Ph.D**

Dr. Njwen Anyangwe-Ngute is a Senior Scientist at Exponent, an Engineering and Science Consulting Firm. She is an Interdisciplinary Scientist, with diverse background in Regulatory Toxicology, Biochemistry, Molecular biology, Cancer biology, and Nutrition.



**David Awasum,
MD, MPH**

Dr. Awasum is the head of Community Resources and Training Centre, that promote awareness, self-screening and detection of diseases with skin manifestations in Cameroon. He is also the current Board Chairperson of the Michael & Mauritia Patcha Foundation.



**Ray Michael
Bridgewater**

Ray Bridgewater is the Founder, President and CEO of the Assembly of Petworth, a non-profit, culturally diverse and multi-ethnic community empowerment organization serving the metropolitan Washington area around issues concerning health disparities, technology, workforce and community development.



**Georges Bwelle,
M.D**

Dr Georges Bwelle is a Surgeon and the Founder & President of ASCOVIME. He is also a CNN Top 10 Hero of 2013. In addition to their regular weekday work, Dr. Bwelle and the ASCOVIME team conduct free weekend medical missions to villages in Cameroon all year long, serving an average of 300 people per mission.



**Sylvia Dasi,
Ph.D**

Dr. Dasi is the Executive Assistant, Research Associate and Community Health Specialist for the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA). Her research focuses on identifying factors that impede collection of family history among African immigrants.



**Samuel Dongmo,
Ph.D**

Dr. Dongmo is a well-known Biomedical expert who has provided world class solutions and worked for leading Healthcare, Research, Pharmaceutical, Hospital and Government facilities to improve the quality of care including the National Institute of Health and Research (INSERM France), National Standard and Technology (NIST), National Institute of Health (NIH).

Conference Panelists & Speakers

Mamadou Samba



Mamadou Samba is the Director of the Washington, DC Mayor's Office of African Affairs and has extensive experience in addressing challenges faced by African immigrants in the nation. He produced the District's first-ever report on African immigrant population growth since the 1960s.



**Jethro Ekuta,
D.V.M., Ph.D.,
RAC, FRAPS**

Dr. Jethro Ekuta is VP and Head of Global Medical Safety Operations, Global Medical Organization, at Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. He is an expert in Drug Safety & Regulatory Affairs and served on a Panel on Global Regulatory Competency & Curricula Project for Low and Middle Income Countries.



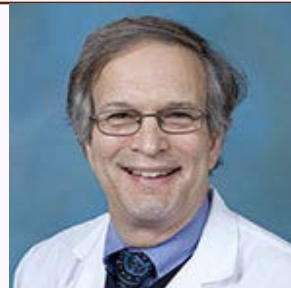
**Joxel Garcia,
MD, MBA**

Dr. Joxel Garcia is Chief Medical Officer of Aegis Health Security, former Chief Medical Officer of the District of Columbia, former Assistant Secretary for Health of the United States and former United States Representative to the World Health Organization Executive Board.



**Patricia Green,
MSW, MSPR**

Patricia Green is a Senior Communications Manager at HMA Associates in charge of the CDC Flu Vaccination Campaign (African American sector) and FDA Office of Women's Health, and has over twenty years experience leading health campaigns beneficial to disparate populations.



**Kenneth David
Miller, M.D**

Dr. Kenneth Miller is a Medical Oncologist at Sinai Hospital and Northwest Hospital in Baltimore. A certified specialist in medical oncology & a sub-specialist in hematology, he is widely considered an expert in oncology in all aspect of cancer survivorship.



**Tonija Hope
Navas**

Ms. Tonija Hope Navas is Executive Director of Baoba Fund for Racial Equity-North America. She has a breadth of fundraising, management, logistical, program development & execution experience and has managed programs/projects on youth leadership development in Afrodescendant communities.



**Wilfred Ngwa,
Ph.D**

Dr. Wilfred Ngwa is the Co-director of Global Health Catalyst (GHC) at the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center and Chair of the Board of Directors of African Renaissance Ambassador Corporation. He presently leads the GHC international initiative from Harvard to eliminate global cancer disparities in radiation oncology.

Conference Panelists & Speakers



**Ify Anne
Nwabukwu,
RN, BSN**

Ify Anne Nwabukwu is the President and Founder of the African Women's Cancer Awareness Association (AWCAA), founded due to the lack of culturally competent services for African-born women and high breast cancer mortality rate.



**Martin Ojong-Ntui,
MD**

Dr. Martin Ojong-Ntui is a Radiation Oncologist and Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology at The George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C. He was named 'Washingtonian Top Doctor' in 2008 and 2010. His holistic medical practice experience spans 32 years across three continents.



**Doyin Oluwole,
MD, MRCP, FRCP,
FWACP**

Dr. Doyin Oluwole is the founding executive director of Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon at the George W. Bush Institute, where she guides strategy and represents partners' collective interests with governmental, public and private partners.



**Vanessa B.
Sheppard,
Ph.D**

Dr. Sheppard is a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Oncology at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University. As a NIH Disparities Scholar, her goal is to help reduce the unequal burden of cancer experienced by minority women.



Adrienne Thomas, LGSW

Adrienne Thomas is the Project Manager for Community Outreach and Patient Navigation at the GW Cancer Institute where she manages the GW Cancer Institute patient navigation program, oversees a city-wide network of patient navigators and provides research and analysis on legislative updates and policy initiatives including patient navigation, health equity and access to care.

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