



Sociedad Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Oncología Médica
Latin American and Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology

SLACOM - Latin American and Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology Organizational profile

The mission of the development of the Latin American and Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology (SLACOM) is to improve cancer care and prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean. SLACOM's vision is of a future in which cancer is prevented, detected early and cured or managed successfully with standards of global oncology care for patients all over the region.

SLACOM, with more than 2,000 members from about 20 countries, has become the leading resource on cancer in the region and a partner for interactions with many other international organizations.

Latin America currently includes a diversity of levels in medical oncologist qualifications, countries with limited resources and a very high incidence of disease. The region represents tremendous needs in developing consistent standards in cancer education, research, cancer care and information dissemination.

It is the strong conviction of the leaders of SLACOM that the development of a regional Society, comprised of medical oncologists from different countries in the region, has a pivotal role in the education and training of its members, and through them, setting standards of care that would benefit cancer patients in the region.

SLACOM through several agreements with other international societies, including ASCO, ESMO, UICC, ACS and others, strengthens the integration of Latin American oncologists into the global community. The Clinical Trial Institute of SLACOM in particular fosters the growth and further development of clinical cancer research in the region, assembling a large number of researchers and a wide set of public and private studies.

Cancer care in today's world is not limited by borders, countries or regions of the world. The fight must be global and should strive toward a coordinated effort with the objective being a similar standard of care for patients in whatever part of the world they reside.

SLACOM is in the best position to meet the needs and challenges faced by oncologists all over Latin America and the Caribbean. SLACOM develops programs, tools, and resources specifically tailored to the needs of practicing oncologists in the promotion of high quality cancer care for all the patients in our region. For more information, please visit www.slacom.org.