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The NSCR started in 2009, as a collaboration between the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), Society of Oncology and Cancer Research of Nigeria (SOCRON) and Cancer registries in health institutions in Nigeria. The main objective of this program is to provide data from Nigeria cancer registries on the most common cancers, cancer incidence and cancer mortality statistics.

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The Federal Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Nigerian National System of Cancer Registries (NSCR) held a Training Workshop for Registries directors and cancer registrars on Cancer Registration Methods. The meeting took place from 29th to 30th of November, 2016 at Kebbi Hotel and the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) training room in Abuja.

The objective of the training was to equip the cancer registrars and directors with cancer registration methods, effectiveness and efficiency in data abstraction, collation, coding and analysis.

A total of 21 cancer registry directors, 32 cancer registrars, 5 participants from the Ministry of Health and 5 resource persons attended the training from 24 cancer registries in Nigeria.

Resource persons included: Prof. Clement Adebamowo - NSCR Abuja; Prof. Emmanuel Ezeome - Enugu Cancer Registry, UTH, Enugu; Dr. Elima Jedy-Agba - NSCR Abuja; Dr. Michael Odutola - NSCR Abuja; Dr. Abidemi Omonisi - Ekiti Cancer Registry, ESUTH, Ekiti and Ms. Temitope Olukomogbon – NSCR, Abuja.
Cancer Registration Training

Dr. Michael Odutola delivering a lecture on data quality in cancer registries at the Cancer Registration Training Workshop

Definition of Basis of diagnosis

- Very useful in assessing the quality and validity of the registration data.
- Every cancer registry should be able to discriminate between tumors that were macroscopically verified and those which were not.
- Microscopic verification increases validity.

Prof. Clement Adebamowo delivering the closing remarks at the workshop
Cancer Registration Training

Ms. Temitope Olukomogbon and Dr. Michael Odutola (NSCR) conducting CanReg5 practical sessions
Launching of “Cancer in Nigeria, 2009-2013” book

The book, “Cancer in Nigeria, 2009-2013”, a compilation of cancer registries data spanning 2009 to 2013, was launched by the Honorable Minister of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole on 29th November, 2016 at Kebbi Hotel, Abuja. The book will be the first in a series of regular reports to the general public on cancer epidemiology in Nigeria.

The book introduces the reader to the concept of cancer registration and the importance of cancer registration in cancer control. It describes the history of cancer registration in Nigeria, the strides that have been made, the challenges faced and how these were overcome.

From left to right: Dr. Ramatu Hassan (National Coordinator, National Cancer Control Planning FMoH), Prof. E. A. Afolayan (Director, Ilorin Cancer Registry), Alhaji Orire (Representative of the Permanent Secretary FMoH), Dr. Dalami Sanpada (Director of Clinical Services, FMoH, representing the Honorable Minister of Health), Prof. Clement Adebamowo (Director NSCR), Prof. Emmanuel Ezeome (Director, Enugu Cancer Registry) and Dr. Abidemi Omonisi (Director, Ekiti Cancer Registry).
The 5th Annual Review Meeting (ARM) of AFCRN was held from 18th to 20th December, 2016 at the Conference Hall of Royal Lamerta Hotel, Kumasi, Ghana. The objective of the meeting was to review the activities of the Network in 2016 and plan for the coming year.

The meeting was attended by 38 participants (from the 31 AFCRN member cancer registries and 22 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa), 3 facilitators (Drs. Max Parkin-AFCRN, J. M. Dangou -WHO and Freddie Bray - IARC) and 1 administrative staff (Ms. Biying- AFCRN).

A preliminary report on ongoing research studies of AFCRN in collaboration with member registries was presented. New projects were discussed and plans for 2017 were unveiled.

The International Atomic Energy Agency Workshop was held from 12th to 16th December, 2016 at the GS Plaza Hotel, Accra, Ghana. The objective of the program was to enhance Member States’ capacities in establishing and operating cancer registries in support of their national cancer control programs.

The workshop was attended by 26 participants from 14 Member States. Prof. Olufemi Ogunbiyi (Ibadan Cancer Registry) and Dr. Michael Odutola (NSCR) were the 2 representatives from Nigeria at the workshop. Experts from WHO AFRO, IARC, IAEA and the African Cancer Registry Network (AFCRN) served as resource persons at the workshop.
Establishment of Hospital Based Cancer Registry at National Obstetrics and Fistula Center (NOFIC), Abakaliki, Ebonyi State

NOFIC Abakaliki, Ebonyi State is one of the National Obstetrics and Fistula Centers established in 6 geopolitical zones of the country.

Dr. Michael Odutola paid a 2-day visit to NOFIC, Abakaliki from June 9th to 10th, 2016 by following an invitation from the Chief Medical Director (CMD) of NOFIC, Prof. Sunday Adeoye.

A sensitization workshop on Basic Cancer Registration Principles and Methods took place on June 10, 2016 at the NOFIC, Abakaliki seminar room. The workshop was attended by 20 staff of the cancer unit of the hospital.

The NOFIC Cancer Registry is located in the Cancer unit of NOFIC, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State. The registry staff include Prof. Sunday Adeoye (Director), Dr. Babafemi Daniyan (Coordinator), Ms. Chinasa Nwigwe (Registrar) and Ms. Patricia Jonas Omokhuwele (Statistician).

CanReg software was installed for the registry and the staff were trained on how to use the software. The staff were taught how to carry out data abstraction, data entry, data import and export functions, data analysis and data quality control checks function on the software.

NSCR News

- Mr. Tunde Ayilara has retired from Ilorin registry. The new registrar for Ilorin Cancer Registry is Mr. Michael Olutunde Samuel. We wish Mr. Ayilara well in his future endeavors.

- World Cancer Day was on February 4, 2017. The Federal Ministry of Health distributed cancer sensitization materials freely to spread the message about cancer throughout Nigeria.

- International Association of Cancer Registries will hold its 39th conference in Utrecht, Netherlands from October 17-19, 2017.

- Nigerian Cancer Registries data are now available online. Kindly visit our website https://nigeriancancerregistries.net/ to access Nigerian nationwide cancer incidence data and be informed of cancer registration activities.

- NSCR is now on Facebook and Twitter. Please follow us on Twitter (@NSCR_Nigeria) and Facebook (Nigerian National System of Cancer Registries) to get updated on cancer-related news in Nigeria and globally.
NSCR recent publications, abstracts and books

(a) Publications


(b) Abstracts


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