



The International Cervical Cancer Foundation

Becton Dickinson gives \$1 million grant to National Cancer Coalition for CerviCusco

The National Cancer Coalition (NCC) and Becton, Dickinson and Company have announced the implementation of a cervical cancer early detection program to benefit 75,000 underserved women in Peru. With a goal to reduce the high cervical cancer mortality levels in the mountainous region surrounding Cusco, this extensive three-year program is set to conduct liquid-based cytology exams utilizing the BD SurePath™ Liquid-based Pap Test System.

“Cervical cancer is deadly, especially for women who live in remote areas without access to today’s liquid-based cytology screening methods,” said Wayne Brinster, Vice President and General Manager, Women’s Health and Cancer, BD Diagnostics. BD is committing over \$1 million in support to this NCC initiative over a three year period.



BD Diagnostics SurePath Liquid-based Pap Test System will be the first ever in Peru.



NCC’s SVP Tom Roane and BD Diagnostics Tania Benoot visit with women being provided care by CerviCusco at the Ocongate Clinic in mountainous region of Peru.

National Cancer Coalition’s President Robert Landry stated “NCC’s goal is to reverse the increasing incidence and mortality rates of cervical cancer, so that women can be free of this devastating disease in the future.” This program will be implemented by NCC in partnership with its local partner in Cusco – the CerviCusco Clinic. “Our organization has a vision and commitment to eradicate cervical cancer in this high-risk region of Latin America, and we are pleased with BD’s strong commitment and generous support of our efforts.” Landry added. “NCC seeks to transform how cervical cancer is addressed through our comprehensive woman’s cancer initiatives. We are pleased with BD’s strong commitment and generous support of our efforts.”

Univ Chicago Med Students donate to INCCA



For several years, healthcare students from around the world have worked alongside the Peruvian staff at CerviCUSCO. These students have made valuable contributions to our mission while simultaneously learning a great deal from the experience of providing care for underserved women living in a developing country. INCCA is particularly pleased to share in their educational programs.

One student group deserves particular praise. Eight 1st year medical students and 2 professors from the University of Chicago spent time last September at CerviCUSCO caring for women living in the high Andes Mountains. Yet, prior to their arrival, this energetic group of future doctors raised nearly \$10,000 to be used in the Dia del Mercado program beginning this May. This project will provide care to indigenous women living in very remote mountain areas where electricity and medical clinics are not available.

“Our trip to Peru was honestly one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had; there is little I can say to express the impact. Overall, one of the best things I learned was that there are great people in medicine who do great things and ask for little in return” related Joyce Woo of the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, Class of 2013.

Record 4 INCCA Projects to Peru scheduled this year



INCCA 2009 volunteers at CerviCUSCO

Due to rapidly increasing interest by volunteers, INCCA has scheduled a record 4 projects for 2011 at CerviCUSCO. All are scheduled during the dry season, the most favorable time to visit the Andes Mountains. Project dates this year are: May 23 to 27, June 6 to 10, July 11 to 15 and August 8 to 12. While these dates are for INCCA group projects, volunteers are welcome to work at CerviCUSCO throughout the year.

Currently, more than 40 pathologists and cytotechnologists have volunteered to attend the 4 project sessions in 2011. They will be interpreting conventional and liquid-based Pap tests. In addition, fine needle breast aspirations and cervical histologic specimens will be examined. Many INCCA volunteers also support the CerviCUSCO Cyto-Screener school by assisting in the on-site education program.

Clinicians with interest in women's health are also encouraged to volunteer. For further information about INCCA clinician volunteer opportunities, please contact: Daron Ferris at dferris@georgiahealth.edu, or for INCCA pathology opportunities: Barbara Winkler at Bwinkler@mkmg.com. We look forward to having you join us in the Andes Mountains soon!