

For lack of gynecological care, cervical cancer is the primary cause of death in Nicaraguan woman. A tragedy? What is being done and what more is needed?

International Conference on Breast and Cervical Cancers in Nicaraguan Women.

University Medical Center at Brackenridge Hospital
Clinical Education Center, Rm 115
1400 North IH 35
Austin, Texas

January 7 & 8, 2009

Austin Samaritans

Austin Samaritans was founded by a dedicated group of friends working together in international health and missions for 20 years. Realizing the need for coordinated action, the group founded Austin Samaritans in Spring 2007. Austin Samaritans supports four medical clinics, an outpatient surgery center, three Christian schools, and missions serving women, abandoned and abused children, the homeless and destitute.

For a lack of gynecology care, cervical cancer is the primary cause of death in Nicaraguan women aged 30 to 60. This tragedy of needless death reverberates through families as women are primary caregivers. Austin Samaritans works with the Gynecology Residency Training Program at Hospital Bertha Calderon in Managua to train doctors, nurses and other health care personnel to screen for early lesions when treatment is most effective. Our alliances include Fundacion Ortiz Gurdian, Fundacion El Samaritano and Missionary Ventures International.

See www.austinsamaritans.org for more on the organization and its work to improve health, education and social injustices for the people of Nicaragua.

Lodging

A block of rooms are held at the Sheraton Austin, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, 512-716-8134. Ask for rooms blocked for Austin Samaritans.

Driving and Parking Directions

University Medical Center at Brackenridge Hospital, Clinical Education Center, 1400 North IH 35.

Driving from the North, exit IH 35 at 15 Street. Continue South on access road past 15th Street and turn right into driveway entrance. The parking garage entrance gate will be up.

Driving from the South, exit IH 35 at 15th Street exit. Turn left at 15th Street and left onto Southbound access road. Continue South on access road past 15th Street and turn right into driveway entrance. The parking garage entrance gate will be up.

To see map, visit website at www.seton.net/locations/clinical_education_center_at_brackenridge

International Conference on Breast and Cervical Cancers in Nicaraguan Women REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____

Affiliation: _____

Fax to : John Doty at 512-465-2079 or

Email to: jdoty@austinsamaritans.org

Absolutely necessary!!!

Please check if you plan on attending the following meals:

Jan 7	Breakfast	_____
	Lunch	_____
	Dinner	_____
Jan 8	Lunch	_____

International Conference on Breast and Cervical Cancers in Nicaraguan Women

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 : Clinical Education Center UTMB-Austin, Room 115

- 7:30 am - 8:00 am Why Cancer and Why Nicaragua?- John Doty, MD, Executive Director Austin Samaritans
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am Panel Presentation: Clinical Practice in Nicaragua– Screening, Prevention and Treatment, Moderator: John Doty, MD
- Panelists:
Alvaro Garcia, MD, Chief OB/GYN Hospital Bertha Calderon, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua (UNAN)-Managua
Freddy Meynard, MD, Dean of UNAN-Managua, Medical School
Sue Howe, MPH, Epidemiology, Casa Bienvenida, Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Vivian Alvarado, MD, START UP Program Officer, PATH, Nicaragua (Program for Appropriate Technologies in Health)
Roberto Ortega, MD, Medical Director, Fundacion Ortiz Gurdian
- Question and Answer/Discussion Period
- 10:00 am - 10:10 am Break
- 10:10 am - 10:30 am Peter Thompson, MD - Faith in Practice Experience in Guatemala with VIA/Cryo
- 10:30 am - 10:50 am Kathleen Taylor, MD - PINCC Model and Experience in Nicaragua and El Salvador
- 10:50 am - 11:10 am William Au, MD - Prevention and Intervention in Cervical Cancer
- 11:10 am - 11:30 am Sandra Hatch, MD - Use of Radiotherapy to Treat Cervical Cancer in Low Resource Settings
- 11:30 am - 11:50 am Ofelia Rojas Berrios, MD - Cancer in Nicaragua: The Need for a National Tumor Registry
- 11:50 am - 12:10 am Ing. Ana Margarita Aquino de Tomasino - Prospects for a Central American Tumor Registry
- 12:10 pm Networking Lunch
- 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm Rebecca Richards-Kortum, Ph.D. New Technologies: Cervical Optical Imaging
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Workgroups
Work Group A - Cervical and Breast Cancer Strategies
Work Group B - Tumor Registry for Nicaragua and Central America

January 8, 2009: Changing locations

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am Tumor Board, **SETON Medical Center, McFadden Auditorium**
- 8:15 am - 8:50 am Tour of Inpatient unit– 7 North
Travel back to Educational Center UTMB Austin
- 9:30 am - 10:45 am Work Groups A & B meet separately to develop strategy and plan
- 10:45 am - 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Combined Work Groups discuss plans and timelines with whole group
- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm Networking Lunch and Speaker
- 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm **Tour Shivers Cancer Center, Hematology Oncology Treatment Center**
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Tour of Austin Cancer Center, Radiation Treatment Center**

Assistive listening devices will be available for those requiring English to Spanish or Spanish to English interpreting.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to hear from dedicated physicians and public health workers who have come together to improve the overall health of Nicaraguan women by addressing the extraordinary death rate due to breast and cervical cancers. In a time when cervical cancer is almost totally preventable, it is the single largest contributor to morbidity and mortality in women aged 30 - 60 in Nicaragua.

Who should attend?

Health care professionals and others with interest in women's health issues, international public health, or cancer care.

Conference Reception and Meals

All conference attendees are invited to participate in:

- Jan 7- Networking Lunch
Reception and Dinner - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
(Direction will be provided in conference materials)
- Jan 8 - Networking Lunch

RSVP required for meals please.