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Open Educational Resources for Cancer (OERC)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of OERC is to create and make available to developing countries (at no cost to the user) a central access point for knowledge sharing in the realm of education for cancer control, diagnosis, treatment, care and prevention. The access would be directed at education of medical and nursing students, trainees, physicians, nurses, as well as caregivers and patients.

INSTITUTIONS

- INCTR
- Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT)
- AccrossWorld
- Indo-US Oncology Society

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide on-line educational materials to a variety of health care providers which can be used for learning or as tools for teachers.
2. To include standard curricula for various health care professionals that can be used as a basis for developing local curricula.

METHODS

MERLOT has provided access for OERC to its major open educational website, OERC to act as the major provider for cancer related materials. PowerPoint presentations or documents must already have a web-location. If necessary, INCTR's Portal, which has an easily accessible OERC site, can be used.

PROGRESS

- Over 370 presentations and documents have been added
- 50 MERLOT members list cancer as their primary area of interest
- 911 health care professionals are registered with MERLOT

FUTURE PLANS

Continue to develop the cancer-related materials. Potentially, initiate workshops to discuss the further development of this site.