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Training of Pediatric Oncologists in Ethiopia

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

INCTR has an agreement with the Government of Ethiopia to improve pediatric oncology at the Black Lion Hospital.

INSTITUTIONS

- Black Lion Hospital, Addis Ababa

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a pediatric oncology unit
2. Develop standard protocols for the treatment of all pediatric cancers
3. Develop a curriculum for a pediatric oncology fellowship
4. Ensure sustainability over time, through development of teachers in Ethiopia

METHODS

Use external experts (INCTR Faculty Members) to develop treatment protocols and a fellowship program. Appoint a pediatric oncologist to take care of patients and be the focal point for training and education.

PROGRESS

- Standardized Protocols for all major pediatric cancers have been developed. A Pediatric oncologist to be on-site for at least several years has been appointed.
- Several Faculty Members have visited Black Lion Hospital and provided teaching - both formal and informal. A curriculum has been completed and submitted to the University of Addis Ababa for approval for an MSc degree.

FUTURE PLANS

Initiate Fellowship in Pediatric Oncology and develop a timetable of faculty visits in order to ensure that curriculum components are all covered.