



Partners For Cancer Care And Prevention

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IMPACT REPORT



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A Message From Our Founders



Dr. Armando Sardi, M.D.



Dr. John Singer, M.D.

Dear Members and Supporters of PFCCAP,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible work that PFCCAP has accomplished. Together, we have made a profound impact on the lives of individuals affected by cancer and taken significant strides toward our mission of providing early detection, education, and support for patients with cancer. Over the last 12 years, we have faced numerous challenges and uncertainties. However, our unwavering commitment and dedication have propelled us forward, enabling us to achieve remarkable outcomes which we look forward to sharing with you in this report. Today, we can proudly state that PFCCAP has become a beacon of hope and a symbol of excellence in cancer care and prevention.

On behalf of the entire PFCCAP team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every one of you. Your contributions, both financial and in-kind, have fueled our mission and empowered us to make a lasting impact in the lives of countless individuals. As we move into the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead. Together, we will continue to be at the forefront of cancer care and prevention, advocating for patients and families, and driving innovation in the field.

With deep gratitude,
Dr. Armando Sardi, M.D.
President and Co-Founder

Dear PFCCAP community,

When I returned from my first mission to Cali in 2006, prior to the formation of PFCCAP, I told friends that it was truly a life-changing experience. As a doctor, I have been helping people for decades. But somehow this experience was different. Although the people we treated were very poor, they were dignified, and always so grateful for our care. I left feeling we had really changed people's lives and helped them overcome some of the many obstacles they face trying to receive health care in Colombia.

In the early years of our mission, we treated and helped many people on each trip. But nothing was done during the other 51 weeks of the year. 12 years ago, we founded PFCCAP and started a local foundation in Cali so that patients could be seen and helped throughout the entire year. By addressing challenges through education and quality control, we continue to refine and enhance our services, ensuring that we are providing the best possible care to those who need it most. The Colombian government's interest in expanding our program to other regions is a testament to the effectiveness and transformative power of our work. Thank you to our donors and everyone who has been a part of our work over the past 12 years. I am truly grateful for this opportunity to help others.

Sincerely,
Dr. John Singer, M.D.
Chairman of the Board and Co-Founder



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Our Team of Professionals



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*Pictured Left to Right:
Tyler Horton, Karen Druffel, Dr. John
Singer, M.D., Dr. Armando Sardi, M.D.,
Gary Young, Linda McLaughlin*

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Our Vision

A world where lives are saved because all people have access to the resources needed for the prevention, early diagnosis, and proper treatment of cancer.

Our Work

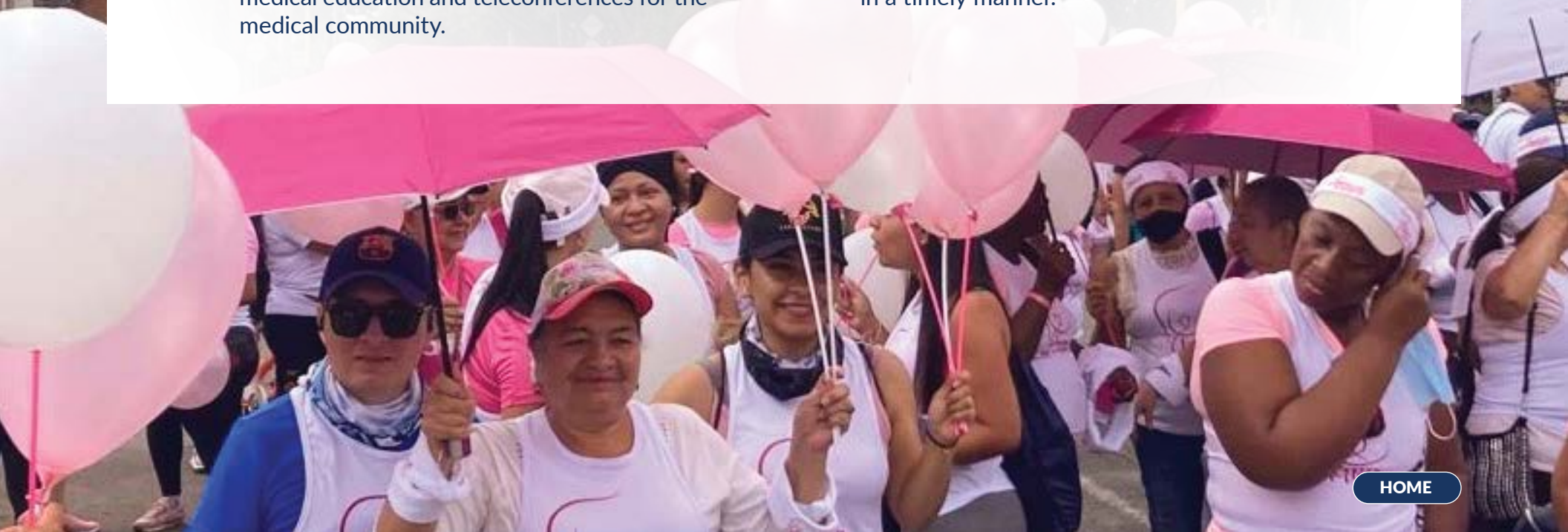
For the past 10+ years, we have been focused on mitigating the obstacles women face in their breast and cervical cancer journeys by bridging the gap in cancer screening and treatment in Cali, Colombia. We have also worked to improve the quality of care through continued medical education and teleconferences for the medical community.

Our Mission

To advocate for cancer patients by making connections, providing education, and guiding patient navigation to improve the quality and length of their life; with a focus on breast, cervical, and abdominal cancers.

Our Future

PFCCAP is in a huge phase of growth as we launch our Abdominal Cancers Alliance throughout North America. We are a patient-driven organization that will provide accurate information and connections to patients and families so they will get the proper treatment in a timely manner.



On-The-Ground Work Is Led By FCPTC Team:

Andrés Pérez,
Executive Director

Patricia Córdoba
Patient Navigation
Coordinator



Left to right: FCPTC Executive Director: Andrés Pérez, PFCCAP Executive Director: Tyler Horton, FCPTC Patient Navigation Coordinator: Patricia Córdoba

Breast & Cervical Cancer Programming

Fundación Colombiana Para La Prevención y Tratamiento del Cáncer (FCPTC)

PFCCAP's inception program focuses on mitigating the obstacles women face in their breast and cervical cancer journeys by bridging the gap in cancer screening and treatment in Cali, Colombia. PFCCAP works alongside our sister organization, Fundación Colombiana Para La Prevención y Tratamiento del Cáncer (FCPTC), in Cali, Colombia in the year-round programming highlighted below.

Current Programs

BREAST CANCER PROGRAMS

- High-quality, self-sustainable breast health clinic close to the community
- Ámate Mobile App
- Patient Navigation Program
- Mental Health Resources and Support Groups
- Bra, wig, and breast prosthesis donation program for patients
- Partnership with local hospital for screening and diagnostic services

MEDICAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

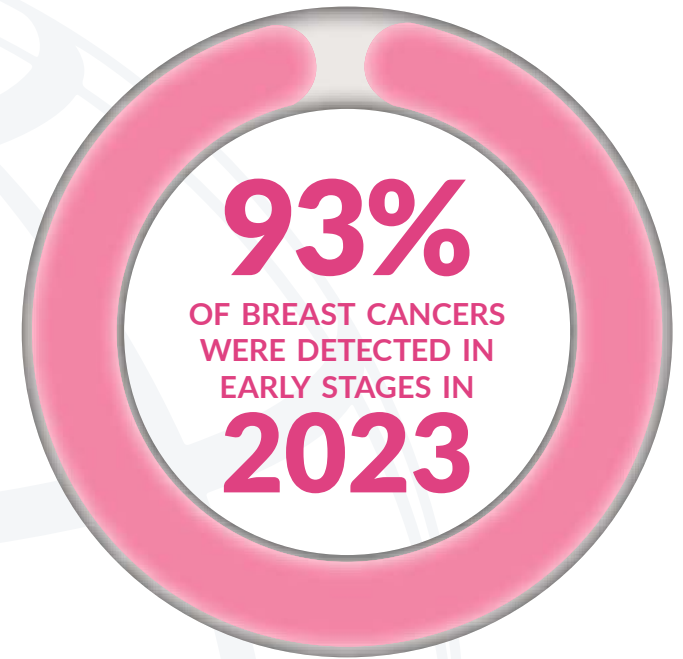
- Quarterly continued medical education teleconferences
- Nurse and physician clinical breast examination training
- Quality control studies in breast cancer detection

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

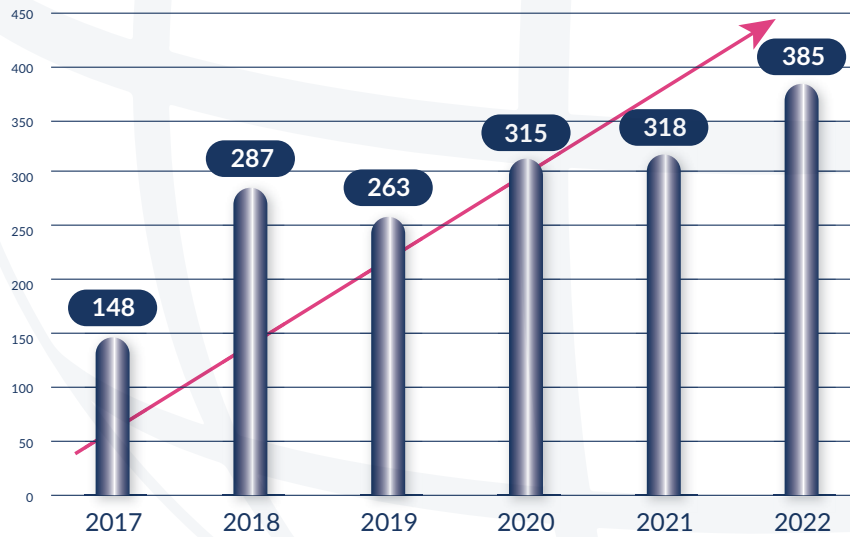
- Collaboration with industries for the education and early detection of breast cancer for their employees
- Education-based HPV Vaccination Program in local secondary school

EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER

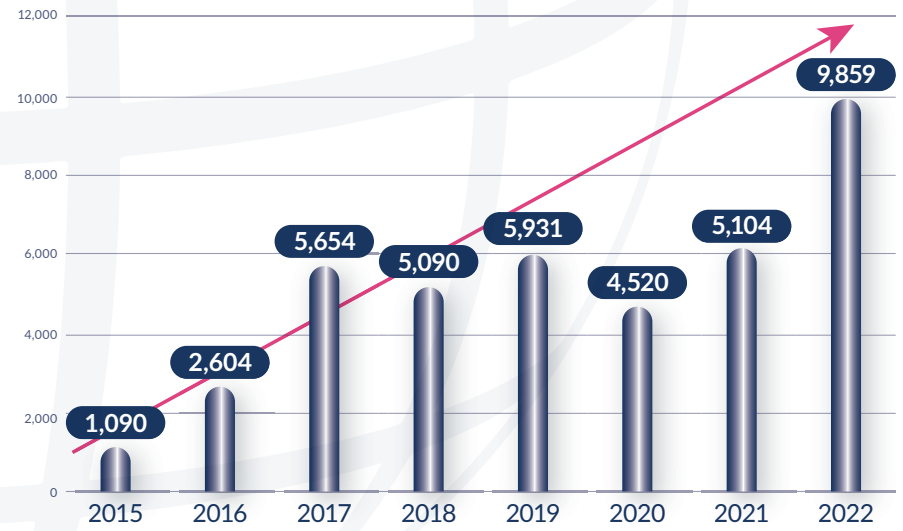
Since 2012, we have focused on supporting local and sustainable projects for the early detection of breast cancer. This path led us to establish, in 2017, a partnership with the Northern Health Network to create a community-based program that provides screening and diagnosis of the disease with quality and timeliness. At the on-the-ground Breast Clinic, inaugurated in 2019, the entire screening and diagnostic process is completed in less than 10 days (mammography, ultrasound, biopsy, immunohistochemistry). This is a significant decrease from prior wait times up to 98 days before our programming.



EARLY SCREENING SAVES LIVES



TOTAL BREAST BIOPSIES BY YEAR



TOTAL MAMMOGRAMS BY YEAR

Holistic Support for Woman & Healthcare Institutions



2020 - 2023 By the Numbers

Services for Patients	2020	2021	2022	As of Oct. 2023	Total	Unit Value USD	Total USD
Wig Donations	3	45	67	40	155	\$50.00	\$7,750
Bra Donations	4	129	178	117	428	\$47.50	\$20,330
Breast Prosthesis Donations	2	87	151	83	323	\$205.00	\$66,215
Total Donations	9	261	396	240	906	-	\$94,295
Patient Activities	2020	2021	2022	As of Oct. 2023	Total	Unit Value USD	Total USD
Support Groups & Activities	8	8	17	14	47	\$62.50	\$2,938
Socioeconomic Support	82	45	37	26	190	\$15.00	\$2,850
Total for Activities	90	53	54	40	237	-	\$5,788

*USD values have been calculated from Colombian Peso values divided by a 4,000 exchange rate.

FCPTC IS RECOGNIZED AS THE PREMIER QUALITY OF BREAST CARE IN COLOMBIA

“For me, this has been a more than special year; it has been a year filled with learning, new experiences, and many new ideas to continue advancing our support program for patients. In 2023, we took a step beyond offering emotional support by providing patients with an entrepreneurship course, giving them tools to create their own income—an obstacle they face in their daily lives.



I am very excited to welcome 2024 with our new projects for patients, including the establishment of a book club, aiming to foster the habit of reading and expand minds to new knowledge. This is how we are at FCPTC/PFCCAP, always thinking a little beyond.

Thanks to all institutions, professionals, colleagues, and the team for making this possible.

#TogetherWeArePartOfTheSolution”

Patricia Córdoba
Patient Navigation Coordinator

“Making Things Happen, Strategies for Creating Value”
offered by the Unicatólica University of Cali – Colombia



María Migdalia Álvarez,
Participant in the entrepreneurial course

“I want to share some good news with you. With my workshop diploma, I was able to enter a competition to participate in the local event ‘Kali Feria,’ and I was chosen! I emailed the requirements to the person in charge, and it was the workshop diploma that caught their attention the most. **Thank you for being the instrument to open doors.** I want to express my gratitude for being there for me, for your work of love, for your support. Thank you for being an earthly angel for many women. May God bless you, Patricia, and all the doctors and executives of the foundation.”

BREAKING NEWS

In December 2023, our Breast Clinic was gifted a stereotactic mammogram machine by the Colombian government for being seen as the pristine quality of breast care in the country. Stereotactic mammograms are a major bottleneck in the diagnostic process throughout Colombia. The time between order and this type of biopsy is currently 4-7 months! The addition of this machine to our clinic is a major win for high-quality, timely care for our patients.

HPV Vaccination Program

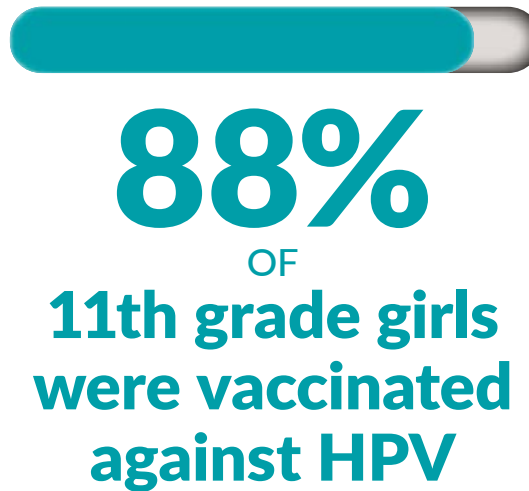
A Generation Free of Cervical Cancer



Since 2018, we have had a project with INEM Cali school, one of the largest public schools in the region. With the students, we have built a health promotion project that develops investigative skills while empowering participants and their environment with health knowledge. Specifically, they conducted research on the Human Papillomavirus and its impact on health, cervical cancer, breast cancer, and the importance of early detection.

A total of 280 students have directly participated in the project, but the project aims for each participant to involve and disseminate their knowledge in their environment by creating 3-minute videos explaining an issue of interest related to the two pathologies.

As a result, with the leadership of the school and logistical support from our organization, an organized vaccination process was initiated. The Northern Health Network, an IPS with the capacity to provide vaccination services with all quality conditions and adapting to the timelines and processes of the project and the students, was linked to this process. By 2023, 88% of 11th-grade students were vaccinated. It is worth mentioning that since September 29, following the instructions of the Ministry of Health of Colombia, vaccination is administered with only one dose, and therefore the second dose was not required for girls who were supposed to be vaccinated in October and November.



*<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/cancer.html#:~:text=Cervical%20cancer%20and%20HPV,be%20prevented%20by%20HPV%20vaccination>

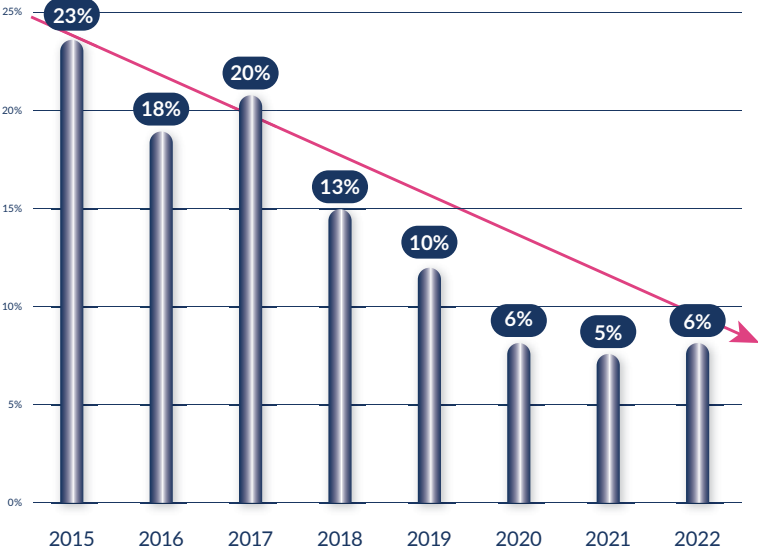
EXCITING NEWS
Colombia has just approved boys to be vaccinated against HPV
AND
we are working to expand our vaccination program to other secondary schools throughout the country in 2024.

Medical Community Training & Quality Control Work

This line of work aims to ensure that local professionals provide the highest quality of care to women in Colombia. Local health institutions have benefited from free virtual training (offered monthly) and in-person training (offered 1+ times a year).

Training	2020	2021	2022	As of Oct. 2023	Total	Unit Value USD	Total USD
Doctors & Nurses	352	352	352	96	1152	\$62.50	\$2,063
With Foreign Specialist	-	-	10	71	81	\$125.00	\$10,125
Academic Events	-	-	-	53	53	\$31.25	\$1,656
Total Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,844

PERCENTAGE OF MAMMOGRAMS AT BIRAD 0



Efforts are made to improve the quality of mammogram readings through a controlled study that focuses on BIRAD score comparison between local Colombian and U.S. physicians. The goal of this work is to continue improving mammogram quality and efficiency of treatment through decreasing BIRAD 0 scores, which indicates inconclusive imaging and the need for an additional patient visit.



2023 Mission to Colombia

Throughout The First Week of October Our Volunteers:

SERVED
82

Breast Cancer Patients

in our donation clinic

TRAINED
72

Doctors & Nurses

in clinical breast examinations

GIFTED
156

Bras & Breast Prosthesis

donated by American Breast Care

GIFTED
29

Wigs

donated by Soul Ryeders



This was a huge win as we trained doctors and nurses from surrounding hospitals and clinics - a first for the Cali region!

Dr. John Singer and Dr. Armando Sardi presented at the “Cali Se Entrena” conference presented by la Clinica de Mama de Red de Salud del Norte E.S.E. Andrés Pérez also shared the profound impact of our patient navigation program on the early screening of breast cancer.

As stated by Yira Ismelda, a breast cancer patient and recipient of a new correct-fitting bra and breast prosthesis, “You all are my angels, thank you.”





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Thank you to all of our phenomenal volunteers, donors, PFCCAP team members, interpreters, partnering organizations, and FCTCP staff for making this mission a grand success!



NEW PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Partners for Cancer Care and Prevention Launches International Hub for Resources on Lifesaving Treatments for Abdominal Cancers

Abdominal Cancers Alliance to provide education and resources to patients, families and physicians surrounding abdominal cancers and CRS/HIPEC procedure

Partners for Cancer Care and Prevention (PFCCAP), a 501(c)(3) public health nonprofit, announced on September 25, 2023, the launch of their newest program, the Abdominal Cancers Alliance. International in scope but led by renowned Baltimore-based surgical oncologist Dr. Armando Sardi, the Abdominal Cancers Alliance is a central education hub providing resources and accurate, updated information to patients and families about abdominal cancers and the Cytoreductive Surgery and Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (CRS/HIPEC) procedure, an aggressive treatment for a variety of intra-abdominal malignancies in advanced stages. **The success of this approach is significant with data showing 10- and even 20-year survival. Even with these promising results and over 3,000 publications worldwide on CRS/HIPEC, most patients are still referred late.**

“**CRS/HIPEC is a treatment option for a variety of gynecological and gastrointestinal malignancies.**”

“We give hope to those with late-stage abdominal cancers and provide options and resources for treatment,” said Armando Sardi, M.D., FACS, president & founder of Partners for Cancer Care and Prevention. “**CRS/HIPEC** is a treatment option for a variety of gynecological and gastrointestinal malignancies. Early referral to treatment is key to improving survival and a potential cure. After nearly 30 years of being in this space, we’ve understood the patient journey well and see that there is a series of needs from education on the front end to care on the back end of treatment, and that is why we are launching the Abdominal Cancers Alliance.”

The Abdominal Cancers Alliance, a patient-focused organization, assists patients in getting the proper information regarding their cancer treatment in a timely manner and connects them with organizations, other patients, and the medical community, to provide lifesaving treatments.

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The **CRS/HIPEC** procedures involve the removal of visible tumors from the abdominal area combined with a heated chemotherapy solution added to the abdominal cavity to destroy non-visible tumor cells that may remain after surgery.

CRS/HIPEC is a treatment option for cancers including appendix, colon and rectal, gastric and stomach, ovarian, fallopian tube, uterine, Peritoneal Mesothelioma, Primary Peritoneal Cancer, Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (PMP), and several others.

In addition to leading PFCCAP and the Abdominal Cancers Alliance, Dr. Sardi serves as the Director of The Institute for Cancer Care at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore's Surgical Oncology Division. He is an internationally renowned surgeon and one of the foremost surgical oncologists in the United States using **CRS/HIPEC**. Dr. Sardi is a National Cancer Institute Clinical Investigator and is committed to conducting vital research.

As of early 2023, the medical team including Dr. Sardi and his medical partner Dr. Vadim

Gushchin, have performed more than 1,000 successful **CRS/HIPEC** procedures. In addition to their work in Baltimore, the procedure is being done in various hospitals across the US and in several countries worldwide. It has been the subject of thousands of published journal articles with information detailing how successful this treatment can be for treating late-stage cancer. Despite the volume of data and over 35 years of successful use, **CRS/HIPEC** is still not a widely known and utilized treatment option by the medical community.

AS THE CENTRAL HUB, THE ABDOMINAL CANCERS ALLIANCE WILL FOCUS ON THESE CORE INITIATIVES:

- **ESTABLISH** a central information system of resources on abdominal cancers and treatment options such as CRS/HIPEC.
- **ADVOCATE** for patients and families, helping them navigate through a promising journey.
- **ADVANCE** and promote the work of existing organizations already making an impact.
- **EDUCATE** the public and medical community about the importance of early diagnosis and proper treatment of abdominal cancers.

Inaugural HIPEC Awareness Talent Show

A Word From Our Producer



"No one can prepare a patient for the experience of fighting cancer - perhaps even less so for those who endure the HIPEC

procedure as part of the care that they receive. Beyond the medical challenges, a patient encounters new fears, unique emotional struggles, and challenging questions. The Talent Show was a special opportunity to share our stories with others and celebrate not just our survival but also the necessity of hope in the face of cancer. It was about sharing our passions to demonstrate that our dignity and identity is not defined by cancer, but rather by our whole selves and our unique expression. And in so doing to strengthen the HIPEC community and raise awareness for this life-saving procedure. It was an honor for me to be a part of this event and to help connect the healing power of creativity and expression as a tool to not just survive cancer, but to thrive beyond it."

*Bo Plantz
Cancer Survivor*

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Patients once told they were not going to survive joined the stage together in celebration of life after HIPEC!

We kicked off our Abdominal Cancers Alliance program with the inaugural HIPEC Awareness Talent Show on September 23. The show consisted of 11 performances from 9 patients and 2 medical professionals, alongside supporting family and friends. The evening was filled with deep emotion, celebration, and community as we all came together to bask in the gift of life after CRS/HIPEC treatment.



Thank you to the 150 guests who joined us for this spectacular evening. Check out our website and YouTube page for more photos and patient testimonials.



ACA Patient & Caregiver Network

Our patient and caregiver network works to connect patients and caregivers to others who have gone through similar experiences based on cancer or treatment type or live in the same area based on preferences collected in the interest form.

Wherever you may be located, fill out our interest form to:

- stay up to date with all of our resource launches,
- get connected with events at our developing hubs,
- and get connected with other patients and caregivers!

Faces of ACA

Interest Form

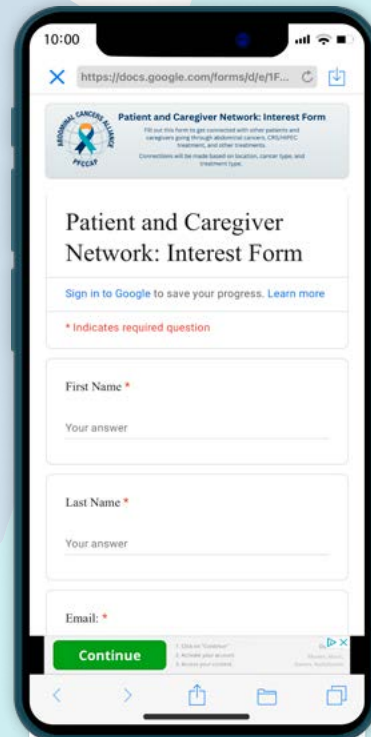


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The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a Google Forms interface. At the top, the URL is <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1F...>. The form title is "Patient and Caregiver Network: Interest Form". Below the title, there is a small logo for "NATIONAL CANCER ACTION PLAN" and a note: "Fill out this form to get connected with other patients and caregivers going through abdominal cancer, colorectal, pancreatic, and other treatments. Connections will be made based on location, cancer type, and treatment type." The form fields include "First Name" and "Last Name", both with a red asterisk indicating they are required. Below these are "Your answer" input boxes. There is also an "Email" field with a red asterisk. At the bottom of the form is a green "Continue" button. The phone's status bar at the top shows the time as 10:00 and various connectivity icons.



Sheri Doss, Cancer Survivor



*Lisa Daniels, Cancer Survivor
Keera Godfrey, Caregiver*



Pauline Chung, Caregiver



*Karen Druffel, Caregiver
Linda McLaughlin, Cancer Survivor
Gary Young, Cancer Survivor*



Thank You



Thank you to everyone who made 2023 a year of growth, celebration, and life! It is an honor to share our tremendous impact in Colombia and the announcement of our North American-focused program, Abdominal Cancers Alliance (ACA), with you all. I am ecstatic about all that is to come in 2024: resource launches and the growth of ACA, the expansion of our HPV vaccination clinic throughout Colombia, and more. Thank you for believing in our cause and enabling us to support the health, development, and quality of life of cancer patients in Colombia and beyond.

Tyler Horton
PFCCAP Executive Director

2024 Here We Come!



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**Together we are part of the solution!
¡Juntos somos parte de la solución!**

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