



# C/Can Quality Improvement of Cancer Care Systems TeleECHO™

# About City Cancer Challenge

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City Cancer Challenge Foundation (C/Can) supports cities around the world as they work to improve access to equitable, quality cancer care. C/Can leads a city-based partnership initiative that aims to improve access to quality cancer care in cities around the world by transforming the way stakeholders from the public and private sectors collectively design, plan, and implement cancer solutions.

The approach is built on the core principle that cities can drive impact at a national level by crafting data-driven solutions with the support of a network of global, regional, and local partners that reflect an understanding of the unique local context.

C/Can was launched by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) at the 2017 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos. It was established as a standalone Swiss foundation in January 2019.





# About Project ECHO

Project ECHO is a movement whose mission is to demonopolize knowledge and amplify the capacity to provide best-practice care for underserved people all over the world through replications of the ECHO model™.

The ECHO model builds on four basic principles:

- > Use technology to leverage scarce resources
- > Share best practices to reduce disparity
- > Case-based learning to master complexity
- > Web-based database to monitor outcomes



## 02

# About the Programme

As part of the City Cancer Challenge (C/Can), participant cities conduct a city-wide self-assessment to identify and agree what their main challenges are in improving access to equitable and quality cancer care. To respond to those challenges, the cities develop specific action plans, City Activity Plans, whereby they define the main objectives and the priority actions in the short-term and during the interaction with C/Can.

Under these City Activity Plans, each city develops specific thematic projects with their respective multi-institutional teams and identifies the main areas for mobilizing external expertise (technical assistance). Since its inception, C/Can has accompanied cities in their process of assessment of needs and prioritization of actions. This has provided valuable insights and strengthened the idea that although all cities are different, there are common and persistent gaps across different cancer care systems, which result in cities producing similar policies and products.

Mobilizing technical assistance can, therefore, be better channelled towards a mechanism that allows regular interactions between like-minded professionals from different settings who are making efforts to overcome similar challenges at different stages of development. By leveraging technology and international expertise, it is expected that cities that have begun implementing projects can exchange knowledge and experiences with both international experts and with colleagues from other cities who are more advanced in the process to learn what has gone well and to minimize future pitfalls.

This programme will cover a series of topics that have been trending in the cities so far and where there are already some existing project outputs. The goal is to improve the quality of the final products that each project team in the C/Can cities is developing by providing remote expert knowledge and policy planning advice and supporting the implementation of their respective work plans in a cost-effective manner.

## Goals

Participants will be enabled to participate in targeted online Zoom sessions of 1h30 min and:

- Increase knowledge of up-to-date evidence-based quality cancer care
- Gain practical knowledge on successful strategies to advance specific cancer care policies and related products as part of their C/Can projects
- Participate in an international network of experts within their field of expertise
- Share local best practices in planning cancer care policies and services within an international community of peers





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## Who should participate

Members of C/Can Pathology, Quality of Cancer Care and Radiotherapy Project Teams from C/Can cities, including:

- > **Asunción** | Paraguay
- > **Cali** | Colombia
- > **Kigali** | Rwanda
- > **Kumasi** | Ghana
- > **Porto Alegre** | Brazil
- > **Tbilisi** | Georgia
- > **Yangon** | Myanmar



## A typical teleECHO session (1h30min)

## How to participate in the teleECHO session

- > Complete on-line registration
- > Participate in brief lecture presentations and discussion of study cases
- > Present case studies related to their specific city project via Zoom video connection or by telephone
- > Participants may be asked to complete periodic surveys evaluating knowledge and project progress

- > **Introductions**  
(5-10 min)
- > **Didactic presentation**  
(15-20 min)
- > **Case study presentation**  
(5-10 min)
- > **Peer-to-peer discussion**  
(45 min)
- > **Wrap up**  
(5 min)



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## Calendar

<p><b>JUNE</b> 2020</p>	<p>Setting up quality control programmes in pathology laboratories: core elements</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b> 2020</p>	<p>Implementing guidelines for the management of invasive breast cancer</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b> 2020</p>	<p>Role of nursing in cancer care</p>
<p><b>JULY</b> 2020</p>	<p>Increasing access to quality radiotherapy services Resource-stratified guidelines for management of cancer patients</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> 2020</p>	<p>Implementing guidelines for the management of invasive cervical cancer</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b> 2020</p>	<p>Quality control in cancer care</p>
		<p><b>OCTOBER</b> 2020</p>	<p>Multidisciplinary approach for cancer care</p>		





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