"A consortium of public health experts, civil society organisations, medical societies, media and local governments need to agree and implement an updated and comprehensive national cancer prevention and control programme that will tackle the complete spectrum of cancer control through a national cancer awareness plan on prevention, early detection, a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment, and hospice and palliative care."

Antonio Ma. J. Guerrero, Chairman of the Board, Philippine Cancer Society
- World Cancer Declaration Progress Report contributor

2017 cancer resolution:
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"Cancer prevention and control programmes should be long-termed and sustainable due to its degenerative and complex nature through effective legislation and policy-making to be able to efficiently maximise resources and develop a national consciousness that is akin to the message that winning the battle against the disease is hinged on the statement that cancer can be prevented or successfully cured when detected early."

Corazon A. Ngelangel, President, Philippine Cancer Society
- World Cancer Declaration Progress Report contributor

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"A population-based cancer registry, effective education and information efforts, focused patient services, sustainable financing and innovative project implementation are requisites in winning the battle against cancer. Low-resource settings, like the Philippines, need to commit core investments in these areas to respond to the growing cancer burden."

Rachael Marie B. Rosario, Executive Director, Philippine Cancer Society
- World Cancer Declaration Progress Report contributor

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As the premier anti-cancer institution in the country, the Philippine Cancer Society, Inc. (PCSI) has endeavored to transform itself into an institution based on the fundamental approach of establishing our chosen vision-mission and channeling our resources toward shielding our countrymen from the ravages of a deadly killer disease.

We feel that now is the opportune time to lay the groundwork for helping and guiding other anti-cancer institutions on the path we have chose to take. This way, we can expand our programs and projects to more areas than we can handle and benefit from the multiplier effect that our various partnerships and networks will generate.

We have seen this in the past year. Our continuous partnership and collaboration with the Department of Health (DOH) and other government agencies, medical societies, cancer patients’ support groups, the academe and media, local government units and the private sector should enable us to bring optimum health care to the indigent segment of the populace which is our primary mandate.

Our linkages with the international cancer associations have also solidified our status as the foremost institution in cancer prevention and control in the country.

Indeed, the Society is now in a paradigm shift from being just a private association into an institutional catalyst of organizations that have a united stand against cancer.

Together, as one, join us in this noble effort for a healthy, cancer-free nation.

ANTONIO MA. J. GUERRERO
Chairman of the Board
In 2017, the Philippine Cancer Society was one of the leading organizations to form the Cancer Coalition Philippines (CCP). Its primary role is to see the enactment of the National Integrated Cancer Control Act - a law that would encompass the necessary policies, structure and mechanisms to help the Filipino people, particularly the impoverished, battle the 3rd killer disease in the country.

Among the salient provisions of the proposed law are:

- Strengthening of cancer care infrastructure and service delivery networks to cover the continuum of care.
- Strengthening the capacity of human resources for health in cancer care.
- Strengthening the Food and Drug Administration.
- Institutionalizing funding and social protection mechanisms for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and their families through:
  1. Establishment of a Cancer Assistance Fund.
  2. Development and/or expansion of PhilHealth benefit packages
  3. Nondiscrimination for healthcare services.
  4. Establishing a National Cancer Registry.
  5. Conducting national and regional research and demonstration projects.
  6. Strengthening health promotion, information, and education programs.
  7. Establishing national cancer screening programs.

The PCS and the CCP are working earnestly towards the passage of this law which will benefit hundreds of thousands of cancer patients and the future generations of the country.

CORAZON A. NGELANGEL, M.D., M.S., Ph.D.

Président
Almost ten years ago, the Philippine Cancer Society was privileged to host the 8th International Conference of the Asian Oncology Society (ACOS) at the SMX Convention Center with the theme, “Multidisciplinary Approach to Cancer Care.”

ACOS is one of the biggest Asian gathering of oncologists which meets every two years to discuss the latest medical technologies and clinical practices in cancer prevention, treatment, hospice and palliative care.

2017 was then an auspicious and promising year for the Society as the Philippines was chosen to be the venue of the 14th ACOS Conference on March 5-7, 2020 with the theme, “From Prevention to Therapeutics: The Genomics Era,” that is applicable to the signs of the times.

We expect a bigger arena of medical experts not only on oncology but also those concerned in primary health care. Our lineup of speakers will bring the latest updates on cancer prevention, screening, diagnostics, treatment, palliative care up to the compassionate topic of hospice care.

I then enjoin the Filipino nation to support us in this international gathering where Filipino expertise will showcase our legacy as a friendly and hospitable country.
Chairman of the Board is Mr. Antonio Ma. Guerrero
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Gloria Cristal-Luna, M.D., Section chief of medical oncology, the National Kidney and Transplant Institute; Member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Member of both the European Society of Medical Oncology and the Asian Clinical Oncology Society. President of the Molecular Oncology Society of the Philippines.


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Cecilia Lladines-Llave, M.D.,
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The Philippine Cancer Society continues to operate its pioneering Patient Navigation Program (PNaP) which assists patients cope with the barriers of the country’s healthcare system. The PNaP program, initiated in 2011, has helped thousands of cancer patients undergo their diagnostics and treatment regimen free-of-charge.

With this success, the Society administers the program, in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) for the latter’s Breast Cancer Medicine Access Program (BCMAP) with the support of the Philippine Health Insurance Corp.’s (PhilHealth) “Z” Benefits Package for catastrophic diseases and other government funding institutions.

The PNaP-BCMAP partnership is currently operating in the following government hospitals: UP-Philippine General Hospital, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, East Avenue Medical Center and Rizal Medical Center in Metro Manila; the Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital, and; the Davao Regional Medical Center.
Breast and cervical cancers are the most prevalent cancers among Filipino women. However, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends Clinical Breast Examination (CBE) and Acetic Acid Wash for Cervical Cancer as the gold standards in community cancer screening approaches in low-resource settings like the Philippines.

Cognizant of this, the PCS launched in 2016 and fully operationalized in 2017 the country’s first Mobile Cancer Screening Bus with volunteer health workers doing the CBE and AAW. Further, pre-cancerous lesions of cervical cancer are immediately treated with cryotherapy facilities.

The Cancer Screening Bus was made possible through the generous efforts of Victory Liner and the Best Dressed Women of the Philippines which continue to provide for its operations and maintenance.
Above maps show that the PCS’ population-based Manila Cancer Registry was rated “High Quality” in the regional level by the IARC and “Medium Quality” for complete vital registration.

Statistics on incidence, mortality and survival generated by the PCS-MCR follow stringent international standards, data assessment and valuation to report the cancer burden in the country.
Several bills have been filed in both houses of Congress to pass the National Integrated Cancer Control Act. The Philippine Cancer Society, along with Cancer Coalition Philippines and other concerned stakeholders, have been invited as resource institutions to thresh out the provisions, to wit:

1. Strengthening of cancer care infrastructure and service delivery networks to cover the continuum of care.
2. Strengthening the capacity of human resources for health in cancer care.
3. Strengthening the Food and Drug Administration.
4. Institutionalizing funding and social protection mechanisms for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and their families through:
   b. Development and/or expansion of PhilHealth benefit packages.
   c. Nondiscrimination of patients.
5. Establishing a National Cancer Registry and surveillance system and evidence generation.
6. Conducting national and regional research and demonstration projects to generate evidence to improve policies and implement the Integrated Philippine Cancer Control and Management Program.
7. Strengthening health promotion, information, and education programs.
8. Establishing national cancer screening programs.

Update: The House version has passed deliberations in the Committee on Health and scheduled for plenary reading while the Senate bill is still discussed by members of the TWG.
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American Cancer Society
Asia Pacific Hospice Network
Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Alliance
International Agency for Research on Cancer
International Association of Cancer Registries
International Union Against Cancer
World Health Organization

Government Institutions / Agencies

Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center
Bicol Regional Teaching and Training Hospital
East Avenue Medical Center
Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center
Lung Center of the Philippines
National Kidney and Transplant Institute
National Home Mortgage Finance Corp.
Rizal Medical Center
St. Luke’s Medical Center
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UP-PGH Cancer Institute
Dangerous Drugs Board
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Department of Education
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Department of Health
Department of Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health Center
Department of Science and Technology
DOST-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development
Metro Manila Development Authority
Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency
Philippine Health Insurance Corporation
Philippine International Trading Corp.
Presidential Communications Operations Office
Social Security System

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League of Cities of the Philippines
League of Municipalities of the Philippines
League of Provinces of the Philippines
Liga ng mga Barangay
Quezon City Local Government
QC Mayor Herbert Bautista
QC Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte
Taguig City Local Government
Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines

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AAI Charity Foundation
A. Soriano Corporation
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation
American Wire and Cable Co., Inc.
Andres Soriano Foundation
Asian Chemical Corporation
Atty. Eugenia Marfori-Celi Foundation
Avon Philippines
AXA Philippines
Ayala Corporation
Ayala Land, Inc.
Balikbayan Handicrafts
Bank of Commerce
Belco Marketing
Beth Romualdez
Brother International
Cars Motors, Inc.
China Banking Corporation
Citadel Corporation
Citadel Holdings, Inc.
Columbian Auto Car Corporation
Concepcion Paterno Memorial Foundation
Czarina
East West Bank
Euromode
First Philippine Holdings Corp.
Fookien Times Yearbok Publishing Co., Inc.
Furnitalia
GMA Network, Inc.
Gardenia Bakeries (Phils.), Inc.
Gateway Property Holdings, Inc.
Go Soc & Sons Siy Gui Huat, Inc.
Great & Bountiful Blessings, Inc.
Guerrero Publishing
Health Justice Phils.
Hon. Feliciano R. Belmonte
Iglesia ni Kristo
Imelda O. Cojuangco
Insular Life Assurance Co., Ltd.
Investment Capital Corporation of the Philippines
Jaka Investment
JD Sehwani Foundation
J. Amado Araneta Foundation
JEPCON for Social Progress Foundation
Jollibee Foundation
KPMG Manabat and San Agustin and Co., CPAs
Land Bank of the Philippines
Landmark Commercial Center (The Landmark Corp.)
Magsaysay Lines, Inc.
Manila Bulletin Corp.
Manila Electric Co. (MERALCO)
Megaworld Foundation
Megaworld Properties and Holdings
Metrobank Foundation
Meralco Employees Fund for Charity, Inc.
Mercury Drug Corporation
Mr. Joe Ledesma
Nestle Phils. Inc.
Pacific Paint (Phil.), Inc.
Philamlife Foundation
Philippine American Life Assurance Co.
Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.
Philippine National Oil Company
Philippine Nurses Association
Philippine Star
Pilipino Star Publishing
Planters Bank
Ponciano Marquez Foundation
Procter & Gamble, Inc.
Prudential Guarantee Assurance, Inc.
Reyes Haircutters
Robinson’s Land
San Miguel Corporation
Shaw Foundation
SM Foundation
SM Mart, Inc.
SM Prime Holdings
Smart Communications
Sterling Gifts, Inc.
Store Specialists, Inc.
SBS Phils. Corp.
Unilever Phils., Inc.
Unipipe Philippines
United Daily News
United Laboratories, Inc.
Whealth, Inc.
Wilcon Depot, Inc.
Zuellig Pharma Corporation

Cancer Support / Hospice and Palliative Care Groups

Aruqa (JRMMC)
Ayala Alabang Hospice Care Foundation
Bosom Buddies
Philippine Foundation for Breast Cancer
Best Friends of PGH
Can Survive
Cancer Coalition Phils.
Cancer Fighters
Cancer Resource and Wellness (Carewell) Center
Child Haus
Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Alliance
I Can Serve Foundation
Kasuso Support Group
Madre de Amor Hospice Foundation
Manila Doctors Cancer Crusaders Club
Munting Paraiso Support Group
National Hospice and Palliative Care Council of the Philippines
PCS Baguio-Benguet Cancer Society
PCS Davao Cancer Society
PGH Hema Onco Support Group
PGH Lymphoma Support Group
PGH Hema Onco Support Group
Salvation Army
St. Luke’s Medical Center Patients’ Forum
Tropang Tropo Support Group
Ostomy Association of the Philippines
Palcare Volunteer Group
Petals of Hope
Philippine Society of Hospice and Family Medicine
The Carewell Community

Medical Associations / Societies

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Philippine College of Chest Physicians
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Philippine Diabetes Association
Philippine Heart Association
Philippine Hospitals Association
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Philippine Oncology Nurses Association
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Philippine Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
Philippine Society of Gastroenterology
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Philippine Society of Pediatric Oncology
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