### American Eurasian Cancer Alliance

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# STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS IN CANCER CONTROL

#### **OUR MISSION**

To pool the intellectual and scientific resources of member institutions to further research and discovery in cancer prevention, treatment strategies, and palliative care.

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Research
Training and
Education

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#### U.S. – Eurasian Oncology Partnerships

AECA is coordinated through Johns
Hopkins Medicine and collaborates with
leading institutions across the U.S.



Partnerships span a wide range of territorial and institutional organizations across the Eurasian perimeter









AECA efforts are driven exclusively by partner priorities and potential impact, not outside interests



20+
countries
engaged

30+
collaborating organizations

#### Strengthening Global Cancer Research

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- Strategic development of U.S. Eurasia scientific partnerships
- Expertise in identifying unique opportunities to advance cancer knowledge and care:
  - Enhanced understanding of biology, genetics, and epidemiology
  - Novel population science in cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, and treatment
- Continuous oversight of international bilateral research initiatives on various topics:
  - Female/male reproductive systems
  - Urologic and hepatic cancers
  - Radiation oncology
  - Pathology
  - Palliative care
- Expansion of engagement and research pathways through global scientific events
- Dissemination of research results through peer-reviewed publications

#### **AECA Scientific Publications**

Scientific publications serve as a concrete byproduct of the productive relationships AECA has established within the global oncology field. Hundreds of leading international journals have published on the scientific endeavours of AECA experts or through AECA-established working groups.















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#### Promoting Research Training and Education

- Professional courses
- Tele-mentoring exchange
- Multidisciplinary research training fellowships
- Train-the-trainer programs
- Research facility and medical center site visits



**Promoting** 

Research

Education

Training and





**Surgical training group** 



site visits



**Urology telemedicine session** 



International tumor board

#### Supporting Innovation in Policy and Programs

- National cancer control plans
- Cancer prevention campaigns
- Cancer screening guidelines
- Tobacco cessation legislation
- Palliative care policies



**Eurasian legislative visit to** 

**U.S.** cancer centers



Supporting Innovation in Policy and Programs

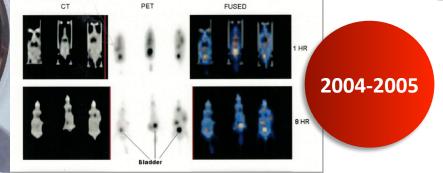
2001-2003

Launched the AECA program focused on the most prevalent U.S.-Eurasia cancer sites.









Optimized research infrastructure development for cancer imaging and therapy by establishing a multi-national Eurasian scientific network.



Initiated public health programs and synchronized partners' priorities to align with the WHO agenda. Supported national events throughout Eurasia which encouraged several countries to adopt tobacco control policies.







Engaged all levels of Eurasian oncology services to introduce comprehensive cancer prevention and management programs that combined both cancer prevention and treatment techniques, while simultaneously expanding scientific networks and research platforms across all cancer sites.





Utilized international venues to showcase Eurasian clinical and scientific accomplishments, peer reviewed publications, and research capacity.



Launched multi-national "For Healthy Life" noncommunicable disease (NCD) prevention program following the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on NCDs and aligned with the 2008-2013 World Health Organization (WHO) Action Plan for the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases.



2011-2012

Led research, clinical, and policy efforts in Eurasia on behalf of the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) and other U.S. comprehensive cancer centers.

2012-2013

Incorporated palliative care research, education, and clinical care into efforts to improve end-of-life programs and policies for cancer patients.



2013-2014

Expanded NCI focus to a larger territorial perimeter, including Central Asian Caucuses, Eastern European, and Baltic countries.



2015-2016

Provided technical assistance to Central Asian nations during the development and implementation of national cancer control plans.



Coordinated the bilateral extramural cancer research cooperation between the U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) and leading Eurasian institutions, resulting in various scientific grants, projects which produced publications and patents of interest to the global cancer community.



Partnered with leading North American comprehensive cancer centers and international societies to support Eurasian initiatives in cancer screening.



2018-2019

Expanded International
Gynecological Cancer Society
(IGCS) presence between U.S.,
Central Asian, and Eastern
European cancer centers.







Embraced virtual platforms to continue developing new international programs and partnerships, while addressing COVID-19 challenges. Jointly with the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance, mobilized efforts to develop pandemic recommendations for the palliative care space, which were distributed in both English and Russian.







AECA launches inaugural Eurasian session at the International Gynecological Cancer Society (IGCS) Annual Meeting

Targeted efforts toward the modernization of Eurasian radiation oncology programs

Territorial expansion of international gynecological partnerships into the Caucuses, signing ceremony with Georgia







AECA unites experts from more than 20 countries at Eurasian Summit, addressing the latest clinical and policy topics in gynecological cancer care

AECA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Jubilee Brown provides mentorship in renewed Uzbekistan tumor boards AECA supports ASCO, ESMO, and ESMO ASIA educational and scientific agenda for Eurasian countries

2023







Ukrainian gynecology leader presents on care during conflict as part of AECA-organized Eurasian session at IGCS 2023

AECA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Wendel Naumann and IGCS President Dr. Keiichi Fujiwara commit to united GYN efforts

AECA, WHO, and WHPCA sign palliative care declaration to integrate into clinical care in Central Asia, Caucasus, and Europe

#### Primary U.S.-Based Collaborating Organizations



#### **AECA Coordination Center**



**Strategic Alliance Partner** 



**Founding Partner** 

















Learn more about the American Eurasian Cancer Alliance and our global cancer research and control capabilities at <a href="www.theaeca.org">www.theaeca.org</a>.

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