

# Cancer Networks: St. Lucia Cancer Society Perspectives

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# Outline

- About the St. Lucia Cancer Society
- Cancer NGOs in St. Lucia
  - List each
    - History
    - Roles/ individual remits
- How we currently work with Regional Cancer NGOs?
  - List regional Cancer NGOs you may be working with and describe relationship
- How would a CCN benefit the SLCS?
- What are priority areas for a CCN from SLCS perspective?

# Questions

- What do you expect of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network and how do you envision it should function?
- How can a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network impact on cancer support groups and the citizens of your respective islands, and how would patients and caregivers be involved?
- Please identify any challenges, financial and otherwise, that your organization may encounter in the formulation of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?
- To ensure its financial stability, do you have any recommendation for funding the Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?
- Would you become a member of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Body?

# Answers

## #1

- To facilitate cancer prevention control plan of each territory.
- To support or assist in technical expertise and human resource development.
- To have a core administrative body run by PHO which establish goals for each territory according to their plan.
- One of the major problems of the CSG (Cancer Support Groups) is sustainability of efforts usually due to lack of funding.

## #2

- Regional Caribbean Cancer Network (RCCN) makes efforts and interventions efficient and cost effective.
- Regional Caribbean Cancer Network (RCCN) produces a membership directory of expertise.
- Membership in the region can exceed the expertise.

# #3

- Definition of roles between the health and NGO.
- In most cases volunteers may leave due to financial constraints etc etc.

# #4

- Suggestions: establish links with international agencies for cancer international agencies for research on cancer (IARC and VICC) and other international groups.

# #5

- YES