Reply: Global Cancer Consortiums: Moving from Consensus to Practice

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TO THE EDITORS:

We agree with Drs. Frech and Stevens that the Global Initiative for Cancer Registries (GICR) should be highlighted as an exemplary model of multi-stakeholder engagement. International consortiums focused on monitoring and health information systems are needed to improve outcomes by identifying successes and highlighting actionable areas for improvement. To achieve sustainable success, cancer programs must be integrated into functional health systems, aided by knowledge of best practices and supported by flexible funding structures

suited to each country's unique health system needs. GICR will help to identify areas of greatest cancer burden, which is a necessary prerequisite to designing effective cancer control strategies and then monitoring progress over time.

The U.S. National Cancer Institute Center for Global Health (NCI-CGH) should be commended for its leadership in promoting collaborative relationships, expanding partnerships, and transforming data into strategic policy proposals that are informed by the fundamental principles of implementation science. Comprehensive cancer control locally and globally will require the best of our collective efforts as scientists, advocates, and program managers.