# How To Close The GAP?

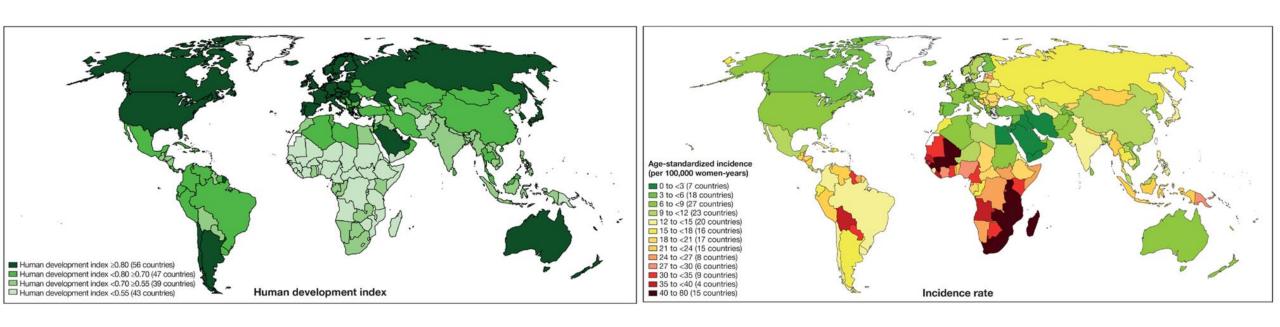
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# Relation of human development index to cervical cancer incidence



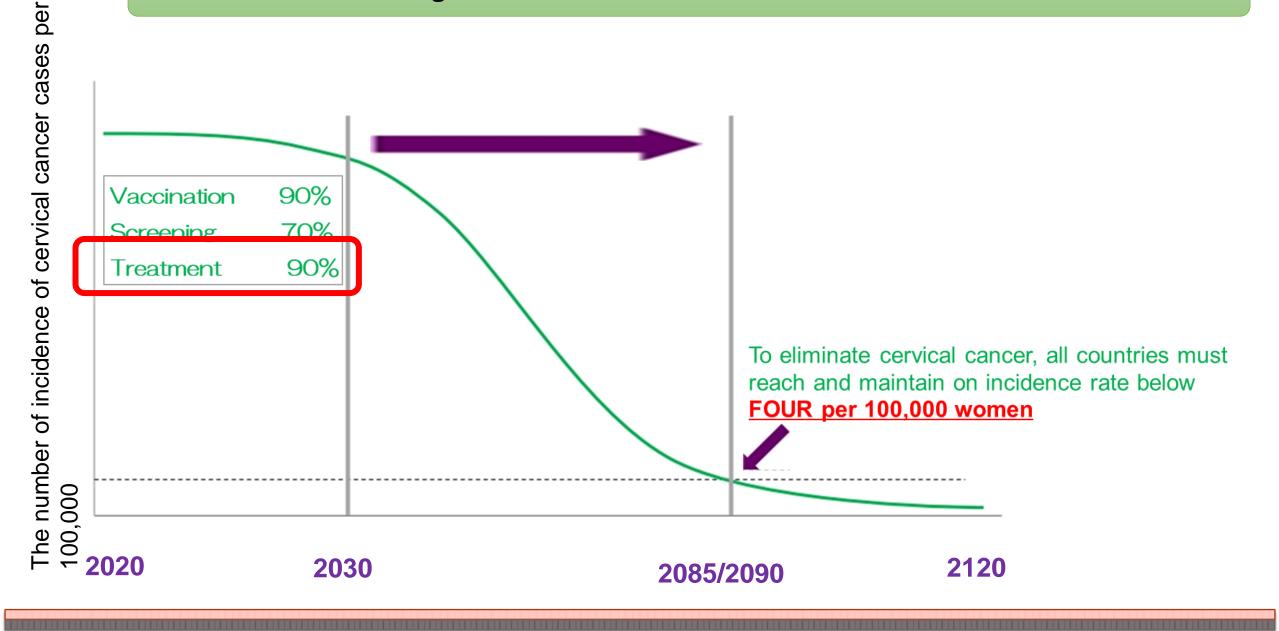
# **Human development index**

## **Incidence rate**

Countries with a lower human development index also tend toward higher cervical cancer incidence

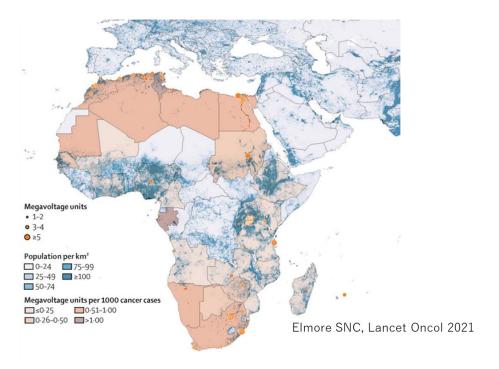
Mayadev JS, et al. Int J Gynecol Oncol 2022

# The WHO launched a global initiative to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer



# ( This slide from a lecture by Prof. Lilie Lin )

# Distribution of radiotherapy facilities in Africa



# Radiotherapy access in Asia

Data and calculations relevant to external beam radiotherapy in Asia and the Pacific

Asia and the Pacific		Total	LIC	L-MIC	U-MIC
Number of countries		30	6	15	9
Population (million)	Α	3847.0	304.6	1960.6	1581.8
%		100%	8%	51%	41%
New cancer cases/year	В	5 416 398	295 700	1 766 798	3353 900
Number of radiotherapy courses/year	$C=B\times0.4949\times1.25$	3 350 411	182 911	1 092 885	2074 616
Number of radiotherapy fractions/year	$D = C \times 16.29$	54 570 598	2 979 199	17 800 617	33 790 783
% of countries without radiotherapy		23%	17%	27%	22%
Number of existing machines	E	2541	44	702	1795
Number of LINAC	F	1845	18	379	1448
Number of Co <sup>60</sup> machines	G	696	26	323	347
% of Co <sup>60</sup> machines	G/E	27%	59%	46%	19%
Machines/million population	E/A	0.661	0.144	0.358	1.135
Radiotherapy courses/machine (450/year – 8 h/day)	C/E	1319	4157	1557	1156
Fractions/machine (9600/year - 10 h/day)	D/E	21 476	67 709	25 357	18 825
Total machines needed	H = C/450	7445	406	2429	4610
(1 x 450 courses/year -8 operating hours/day)					
Additional machines needed	I = H - E	4904	362	1727	2815
% of needs currently covered	E/H	34%	11%	29%	39%
Total machines needed	J = D/9600	5684	310	1854	3520
$(1 \times 9600 \text{ fractions/year} - 10 \text{ operating hours/day})$					
Additional machines needed	K = J - E	3143	266	1152	1725
% of needs currently covered	E/J	45%	14%	38%	51%

LIC, low income countries; L-MIC, lower-middle income countries; U-MIC, upper-middle income countries.

Zubizarreta et al, Clin Onc 2015

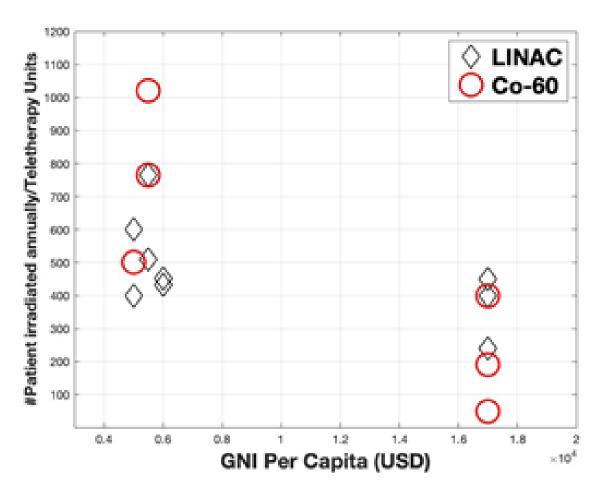
# Availability of HDR afterloaders in LMICs

	HDR available	HDR needed	Needs covered
Africa	40	105	38%
Latin America	156	68	228%
Asia-Pacific	108	242	45%
Europe-Central Asia	98	24	407%
Total	402	440	91%

# Quality assurance: Review of global needs

Afua Yorke, PhD Assistant Prof Univ of Washingtor

- Survey sent to radiotherapy centers in 6 countries
  - South Africa, Trinidad/Tobago, Bahamas, Ghana, Barbados, Jamaica
- 12 responses (92% response rate)
  - 4 (HIC), 5 (UMIC), 3 (LMIC)



Yorke et al, under review 2023

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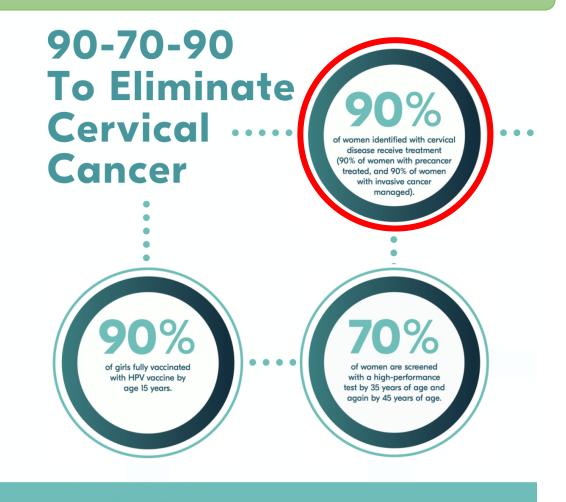


The World Health Assembly adopted the global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem by 2030.

#### WHO'S ELIMINATION STRATEGY 3 PILLARS

- Prevention through vaccination
  HPV vaccination offers long-term
  protection against cervical cancer.
- Screening and treatment of precancerous lesions can prevent pre-cancer from developing into cancer.
- Timely treatment and palliative care for invasive cervical cancer can save lives and palliative care can greatly reduce pain and suffering.

\*To eliminate cervical cancer, all countries must reach and maintain an incidence rate below four per 100 000 women.



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# How To Close The GAP?



- > Government investment in radiotherapy infrastructure
- > Education and training to perform radiotherapy procedures and maintain facilities
- > Development of a multidisciplinary network of experts

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# What I am concerned about is...

- > How about the condition of Vaccination or Cancer screening in each country?
- > The issues of a shortage of other resources (number of beds, staff, agents, equipment of diagnosis, etc..)

#### A Randomized trial of adjuvant chemotherapy versus chemoradiotherapy for stage IB-IIB cervical cancer after radical hysterectomy

Adjuvant Chemotherapy Versus Radiotherapy For Postoperative Cervical Cancer; a phase 3 trial (AFTER trial)



## **Non-inferiority Trial**

# Stage IB-IIB Cervical cancer

After radical hysterectomy, margin negative High risk: LN metastasis(+) and/or parametrial invasion

Randomization

### **CCRT**

- Whole pelvis irradiation 50.4Gy (3DRT or IMRT)
- CDDP: 40mg/m²/w IV max 6 cycles every week

# **Balancing factors**

- · Faculty · Stage
- Pathological subtype (SCC or non-SCC)

# Chemotherapy

1) TP

Paclitaxel: 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 3hr IV d1

Cisplatin: 50mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV d1

2) TC

Paclitaxel: 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 3hr IV d1

Carboplatin: AUC=6 IV d1

6cycles every 3 weeks

# Thank you!!

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