

Press Release

Uruguay



Global and Regional Challenges in Pediatric Cancer

Fundación Pérez Scremini, together with Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective, organize a workshop to raise awareness on Childhood Cancer burden and to present the actions taken at the Latin America level. World Health Organization estimates, nearly 400,000 children and adolescents face a diagnosis of cancer worldwide each year¹.

Montevideo, 05 March 2024. Fundación Pérez Scremini, together with Foundation S will carry out an event where the actions that are being carried out in our region will be discussed and disclosed.

The event will bring together stakeholders working on childhood cancer such as program directors from the region, representatives from the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Global Alliance of St Jude Hospital, Latin American Society of Pediatric Oncology (SLAOP), Latin America Group of Pediatric Oncology (GALOP), Children Cancer International (CCI), Princess Maxima Center (Netherlands), and health care professionals.

Dr. Guillermo Chantada

Academic Scientific Director, Fundación Pérez Scremini

“Fundación Pérez Scremini pursues the mission of providing a cure for cancer in children and adolescents for more than 20 years in Uruguay, through a comprehensive approach for the patient and their family. The Foundation provides care at no cost to families and includes medical consultations, studies, treatments, medications, hospitalization, transfers, feeding and psychosocial support”

Dr. Isabelle Villadary

Head of Childhood Cancer Program at Foundation S

“It is critical to have a holistic approach to tackle childhood cancer. Childhood cancer is a disease that strongly impacts family, social and economic levels. This event is one more step to improve knowledge and call for further actions in our region. My Child Matters program by Foundation S supports children with cancer and their families. The program aims to improve diagnosis, access to care, treatment adherence and strengthen health care systems for the benefit of children with cancer in low- and middle-income countries.”

Globally, Foundation S is partnering with the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) on different projects, including the Global Mapping program and the recent launch of the Latin American mapping.

Regionally, we partner with Sant Joan de Déu Hospital in Barcelona (Spain) on TeLeo program, a tele-education program in Spanish dedicated to health care professionals from 12 Latin American countries.

In Southern Cone, Fundación Renaci in Paraguay is currently executing two projects funded by Foundation S. One is a pediatric palliative care model based on comprehensive care (physical, emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual) for the patient, the family, and the care unit. The second “TELENEC” for Tele network for childhood cancer aims to improve the survival of pediatric cancer patients in Paraguay by expanding access to knowledge through virtual clinics.

About Fundación Pérez Scremini

At Pérez Scremini Foundation we work for the cure of cancer in children and adolescents, managing the hemato-oncological service of the Pereira Rossell Pediatric Hospital.

Our mission is to guarantee every Uruguayan adolescent or child an excellent and comprehensive treatment at no cost, offering the best available techniques and treatments as well as psycho-social support in order to provide the best chances of recovery.

<https://perezscremini.org/>

About Foundation S

Foundation S, Sanofi's philanthropy engine, seeks to create healthier futures for generations to come. Through a "Think & Do Tank" approach, Foundation S aspires to amplify innovation and collaboration as well as support concrete actions to improve the lives of people in vulnerable communities in four key areas: fighting childhood cancer, with its signature initiative My Child Matters; increasing health resilience of climate vulnerable populations; Neglected Tropical Diseases (Contributing to sleeping sickness elimination by 2030) and broadening humanitarian donations with a focus on displaced populations.

<https://www.foundation-s.sanofi.com/>

About Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

The Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer was established by WHO and its partners in 2018, with the goal of "achieving a survival rate of at least 60% for children with cancer globally by 2030, thereby redressing a profound inequity between high-income and low- and middle-income countries". The CureAll approach aims to assess the current situation in a country or region, develop and implement an action plan, and monitor progress. Through advocacy as well as resource allocation and mobilization, in conjunction with governance, CureAll creates centers of excellence with cancer care networks and actors, to achieve comprehensive and high-quality services for children with cancer. These services include the use of evidence-based protocols, technologies and drugs for cancer diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring and evaluation, thereby promoting continuous improvement. The successful implementation of this initiative is expected to save an additional 1 million lives.

References

- (1) World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/es/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/cancer-in-children>