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Whole Slide Imaging Systems Now Operational at Tanzania and Rwanda Lab Sites



Below are highlights of the past month's achievements. If you have any questions, please contact Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer, dan.milner@ascp.org.



Country Updates

- Whole slide imaging systems have just been installed at two sites in Tanzania and one site in Rwanda and are now operational. The Tanzanian sites are Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, in Moshi, and Muhimbili National Hospital, in Dar es Salaam. The site in Rwanda is Butaro District Hospital, in Butaro. The Butaro site now has access to a 15-person, ASCP-member team of consultant pathologists led by Duke University. This team continues to assist local pathologists with secondary consults. The Tanzania team of ASCP member volunteers is forming and includes Duke University faculty as the core team.

By leveraging the latest technology and the skills and experience of ASCP members, and teams like the Duke faculty, clinicians in Sub-Saharan Africa can have affordable quality real-time diagnostics. This technology provides seamless interaction, management and secure access to pathology and laboratory clinical multimedia, including digital whole slide images.

This allows physicians and clinicians in Sub-Saharan Africa to consult with pathologists in the United States to provide a level of diagnostic cancer care for patient care that is scarce or unavailable in country.



Public Relations

- Social media channels continue to promote the project to members.



Volunteers

- ASCP is seeking members with fluency in Spanish to assist with translating some pathology documents.
- Mount Sinai Hospital, in cooperation with Pathologists Overseas/ASCP, is currently recruiting volunteer pathologists with cytology expertise to visit Liberia and assist with early stage epidemiological and diagnostic programs of training and service.

- The Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa project is looking for foreign language speakers in Spanish and Burmese initially, as well as members with experience in lab design and implementation to serve on the advisory committee for C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge.
- Opportunities are also emerging for ASCP members to lead country teams and assist with critical functions such as case assignment and team communications. If this is of interest, please contact ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, at dan.milner@ascp.org.