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## Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa



### Partners Initiative Works to Support Cancer Treatment Programs in Uganda and Tanzania

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



#### Country Updates

- Uganda—GE and ASCP are working closely with the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) to plan the deployment of telepathology services to the UCI in the coming months. The new system will connect UCI as well as all other institutions in Kampala, Uganda (Makerere University, Mulago Hospital, and research collaborators). Overlaying the existing specimen transport system developed by the Uganda Central Public Health Laboratory with this centralized telepathology system will connect almost all patients in Uganda to primary and secondary consults with ASCP volunteers.
- Tanzania—Duke University, ASCP, and GE are coordinating the deployment of telepathology to Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center to support the new cancer treatment center in that location. Dr. Milner recently visited the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) to discuss the UCSF pathologists and their activities at Muhimbili Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and how to coordinate all efforts for diagnostics across the Tanzania landscape. Tanzania is one of two sites to be enhanced by an ASCP/Novartis program to improve IHC.



## Public Relations

- An article, titled “Laboratories as the Core for Health Systems Building,” written by ASCP CEO Blair Holladay, PhD, MASCP, SCT(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>, and Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, was submitted to *The Lancet*.
- ASCP is drafting an Op-Ed piece in response to an Oct. 7, 2017 article in the *New York Times*, titled [As Cancer Tears Through Africa, Drug Makers Draw Up a Battle Plan](#).
- ASCP social media channels continue to promote the project to members.



## Volunteers

- 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 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](mailto:dan.milner@ascp.org).



## Meetings

- Dr. Milner presented the ASCP Partners initiative to the Global Cancer Program as well and Grand Rounds at UCSF on Oct 3 and 5 in San Francisco.

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