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By Katherine Hobson

"We can no longer differentiate between diseases of the poor and the rich."

That's the conclusion of a newly published health policy paper whose authors include Sanjay Gupta, Lance Armstrong, economist Jeffrey Sachs and global-health pioneer Paul Farmer as well as the head of the American Cancer Society and other public-health biggies. All are members of the Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control in Developing Countries.



The paper, published online today in the Lancet, calls for the expansion of cancer care and control in low- and middle income nations — including new health infrastructure and access to cheaper drugs — and disputes the perception that cancer is largely a problem of wealthier countries. (The UN, too, recently called for increased focus on the problem of chronic disease in developing countries.) As this paper says, "low-income and middle-income countries now bear a majority share of the burden of cancer, but their health systems are particularly ill prepared to meet this challenge."

Among the authors' suggestions:

Focus on prevention, since many cancers can be prevented entirely by avoiding tobacco and vaccinating against HPV and hepatitis.

Also focus on cancers that are potentially curable, including cervical, breast, colorectal and testicular cancer, as well as some forms of leukemia, lymphoma and sarcoma. Other diseases can be palliated, if not cured, with treatment.

While surgical treatments and on-patent drugs are a challenge to use widely in poorer countries, the use of off-patent drugs offers the biggest potential impact in terms of treatment.

High-quality care can be provided by nurses, primary-care docs and other non-specialists.

Care-delivery strategies used against HIV and TB can be deployed against cancer, too.

Cancer care can be incorporated into health-insurance programs targeting the poor, as it is in Mexico and Colombia.

The authors call for three big changes ASAP: large-scale demonstration projects to create facilities, implement technology and train health pros; designing regional and global pricing and procurement for lower-priced drugs; and identifying and implementing "innovative financing mechanisms" to expand resources.

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