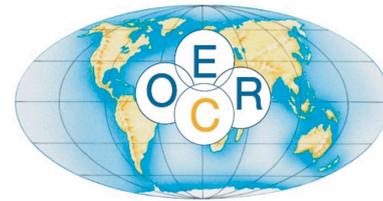




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## OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR CANCER (OERC)

In May, 2007, The International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR), the iBarthi Foundation, Capital Technology and Information Systems (CTIS), NCI and several universities first developed the concept of Open Education Resources for Cancer (OERC).

The purpose of OERC is to create and make available to developing countries (at no cost to the user) a central access point for knowledge sharing in the realm of education for cancer control, diagnosis, treatment, care and prevention. The access would be directed at education of medical and nursing students, trainees, physicians, nurses, as well as caregivers and patients. This repository of educational materials would include lectures on power points and videos, cancer training curricula, clinical and translational research information to be gathered from contributing partners around the world and include universities, cancer centers, and research institutions. This expanded knowledge base is intended to increase the capacity for education of physicians, nurses and medical institutions hard pressed for resources to meet the challenges of cancer control and treatment of cancer patients, even in remote sites of the developing world.

### The OERC Mission Statement

- To create an open resource repository of cancer educational materials covering diverse aspects of oncology.
- To promote global sharing of cancer educational resources (WHO 2007 Cancer Report).
- To utilize knowledge sharing to assist countries develop cancer control strategies.
- To provide educational resources to enhance the capacities of physicians, nurses and care givers in developing countries to diagnose and treat cancer patients.
- To provide free access to advances in basic and clinical cancer research information in user friendly format.
- To contribute to the development of a research infrastructure and a research ethos for cancer care and prevention at a global level.

In this perspective, OERC.MERLOT.ORG was launched in July, 2009, via a relationship with MERLOT, (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching (<http://www.merlot.org>) of the California State University System.

<http://oerc.merlot.org> will provide free access and easy discovery of an online collection of donor contributed, categorized cancer learning materials (e.g. tutorials, lectures, clinical guides, course curricula, videos, research summaries, etc.). OERC is building an open digital library which allows discovery of cancer educational materials, contributed by the world wide community of clinical and basic cancer professionals.

Contributing partners are currently being identified and encouraged to submit cancer educational materials. We urge all cancer educators to join the OERC cancer community and contribute to the professional network of open educational resources. The process is free and easy. The OERC website provides a simple step by step guidance on becoming a contributing member of the OERC community (Link : <http://oerc.merlot.org/contribute>).

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