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HELPING FIGHT CERVICAL CANCER—A team from Beverly Hills-based nonprofit CureCervicalCancer (CCC) has returned from Ethiopia where it trained 26 nurses (above) in the “See and Treat” procedure developed by Dr. Patricia Gordon (center, in teal), CCC founder, to help prevent the disease.

Beverly Hills-Based CureCervicalCancer Team Returns From Ethiopia After Establishing Four New Clinics

After a year of planning with its ground partner, the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, a team from Beverly-Hills based nonprofit CureCervicalCancer (CCC) has returned from Ethiopia.

The CCC team, led by Patricia Gordon M.D., founding director and board chair, established four new permanent and sustainable cervical cancer clinics in Addis Ababa with St. Paul’s Millennium Medical College (“DeeDee and Donna Clinic”) as the main clinic and Alert Hospital (“Mary II Clinic”), Felege Meles Hospital (“The Dake Family Clinic”), and Kolfe Hospital (“Victoria O’Connor Clinic”) as the satellite clinics, that will continue to screen and treat women for pre-invasive cervical cancer lesions for years and years to come.

“Thousands and thousands of lives will be saved,” Gordon says. In just one week, the team screened 618 women and 115 were treated with cryotherapy.

The team also revisited and re-supplied its first existing clinic in the Tigray region in the northern part of Ethiopia about 800 kilometers north of Addis

Ababa in Mekelle—“For Our Mothers and Sisters” clinic at Ayder Referral Hospital, the largest medical teaching hospital in Ethiopia.

“With great pride, we witnessed what CCC has always thought possible—to see the clinic thriving and see that our trained nurses Sara and Tsehay are now teaching other nurses at Ayder in the “See and Treat” procedure was a dream come true.” “See and Treat” is a method for cervical cancer detection, prevention and treatment.

“It is a well known fact that cervical cancer equals maternal mortality rates for women in Ethiopia,” says Gordon. “Rates are extremely high, and this silent epidemic is 100-percent preventable with this simple yet elegant technique. We have now provided the knowledge and equipment of this technique to four centers to continue our efforts long after we have left this region.”

The four new clinics bring the total to 31 sustainable clinics CCC has developed worldwide.

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