Dedicated to the early detection & prevention of cervical cancer around the globe for the women who need it most.

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Dear Friends & Supporters,

2019 marked another incredible year for CCC. We began the year with a special project bringing “See & Treat” to Syrian refugees in Lebanon and we continued to prioritize our work in Vietnam and Kenya, expanding on current projects and launching new partnerships.

Our mission to prevent cervical cancer is simple, yet we operate within the framework of broken systems and limited resources. We adapt our model to meet the unique needs of the places and the people we serve, incorporating new technology such as thermal ablation and techniques such as mobile clinics.

Because of the support from individuals like you, we are able to innovate, expand, and sustain our work. Because of your generosity, healthcare professionals trained by CCC are bringing life-saving “See & Treat” to women all over the world every single day.

On behalf of myself, the CCC team, and the women we serve, thank you.

- A message from Patricia Gordon, MD, CureCervicalCancer Founder & Rebecca Lepsik, RN, CureCervicalCancer Executive Director
“See & Treat” Method: The solution

If precancerous changes on the cervix are detected and treated early, a woman will not develop cervical cancer. Wide scale screening with cervical cytology (PAP smear) is not feasible in resource-poor countries due to lack of infrastructure and high cost. Instead, CCC uses a simple and cost-effective screening procedure called visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) where precancerous cervical changes can be spotted with the naked eye. The cells can be immediately treated with ablation methods which destroy the pre-cancerous tissue completely in 85-90% of cases.

Being screened and treated in a single visit is key because many women lack the resources to return to the facility for multiple visits. The “See & Treat” method is simple, low-cost, and effective: ideal for low-resource clinics both facility-based and mobile.

Cervical Cancer: A Global Injustice

With early detection and treatment, cervical cancer is nearly 100% preventable, yet it claims the lives of over 300,000 women every year. Every two minutes, a woman dies of cervical cancer, making it one of the greatest threats to women’s health. 9/10 of these women live in resource poor countries where lack of wide-scale screening fails to identify cervical cancer until it is invasive and access to treatment for invasive cancer is extremely limited. Cervical cancer is largely a disease of inequality.

Without the intervention of early detection and treatment, women in resource poor regions will continue to die from cervical cancer at an alarming rate. In fact, the WHO predicts that by year 2040 cervical cancer deaths will increase by 50%.

The world’s most vulnerable women are unjustly dying from a disease that we have the tools and the knowledge to prevent.
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