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Invitation to attend the Achutha Menon Centre Webinar Series

The AMC Seminar Series has gone online! We are pleased to invite you to attend the AMC webinar by:

Dr Cherian Varghese, MD, PhD

on the topic:

“WHO global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem; an opportunity to make it a disease of the past”

On 19th December 2020, Saturday,

10.30 AM to 12.00 PM

The meeting link details are:

WEBEX MEETING LINK

<https://sctimst.my.webex.com/sctimst.my/j.php?MTID=m9563924aaf19fefcad106a3545db78c7>

Meeting number (access code): 158 881 8742

Meeting password: 12345

A short bio of the speaker and the topic is appended.

We look forward to your participation in this webinar.

Yours sincerely

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About the speaker – Dr Cherian Varghese



Dr Cherian Varghese works as the Cross-Cutting Lead for NCDs and Special Initiatives in the department of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD), WHO, Geneva. Dr Varghese has responsibilities for two priority areas; 1) take a lead role in defining new bold and innovative solutions to rapidly scale up the counselling, screening, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of the four major NCDs and to (2) direct, coordinate and monitor the assigned responsibilities within the WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative. His career started in the Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum where he worked in cancer epidemiology and clinical research for 10 years. He joined the WHO country office for India in 2001 as cluster focal point for social change and noncommunicable diseases. In 2007 he moved to the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific as Senior Medical Officer for NCDs and worked as Coordinator of the unit of NCD and Health Across the Life Course in the WHO Division of Pacific Technical Support in Fiji. Dr Varghese joined the WHO Department for Management of Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention in Geneva in April 2015 as Coordinator for Management of NCDs where he developed the Global Hearts initiative and other signature solutions. He established the new department of NCDs in WHO as the acting director from 2019-2020. He holds a medical degree with postgraduate qualification in radiation oncology from India, where he also had his training in health and hospital management. He holds a master's degree in Epidemiology from Cambridge, United Kingdom, and a Ph.D. from the University of Tampere, Finland. He has published over 80 articles covering NCD and health systems.

About the talk

Title of the talk-**WHO global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem; an opportunity to make it a disease of the past**

Cancer of the uterine cervix is the fourth most common cancer among women globally with half a million cases and more than 300,000 deaths in 2018, the vast majority of which occur in low- and middle-income countries. WHO member states have taken a historical step to support the strategy to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem. There are proven interventions for controlling cervical cancer and the global strategy has set targets for 2030 for vaccination, screening and treatment as 90-70-90. This webinar will provide the basis for the elimination strategy and consider options to advance countries towards achieving these targets.

Weblink for the strategy- <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240014107>