

DEVELOPMENT OF VIRTUAL LIBRARY

“PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CANCER: LESSONS LEARNED”

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INTRODUCTION

The National Cancer Institute José Alencar Gomes da Silva (INCA), an agency of the Ministry of Health of Brazil, has as one of its strategies the development and leadership of the Virtual Health Library (VHL) Cancer Prevention and Control.



Libraries are an outstanding and fundamental management tool; therefore, this experience opens new possibilities of information management and may represent an innovative field by creating other information networks aiming at their application in different contexts, both international, national and local.

In operation since 2007, the Thematic Area for Cancer Control, within the VHL of the Ministry of Health, has succeeded as a channel for dissemination and publication of the technical-scientific production from the Institute and partner institutions' professionals.

RESULTS

The constitution of a Virtual Health Library (VHL) Cancer Prevention and Control is, in its own essence, a main integration instrument to fulfill information needed by all this public. Blending information and communication technologies, this approach ensures a steady supply of integrated products and services, offering an excellent example of how to ensure dynamic access and integration of many different sources focused on a core topic, while enhancing the visibility and representativity of Brazilian outputs.

The creation and operation of the specialized VHL within the Unified Health System (SUS) will advance in the use of a wider reconfiguration technology and the development of a cooperative public space through a technical cooperation model in a decentralized manner. The commitment is to build a VHL that will allow management and operation of information in order to expand national thematic coverage and further integrate a network of international institutions.

The adoption of a multidisciplinary approach among the related fields enables the convergence of scientific literature and promotes the dissemination of scientific knowledge, strengthening the social commitment to the scientific community by allowing full, universal and free access of all the knowledge generated in their data bases.



Prevention & Control



Oncology Assistance



Research



Monitoring and Surveillance



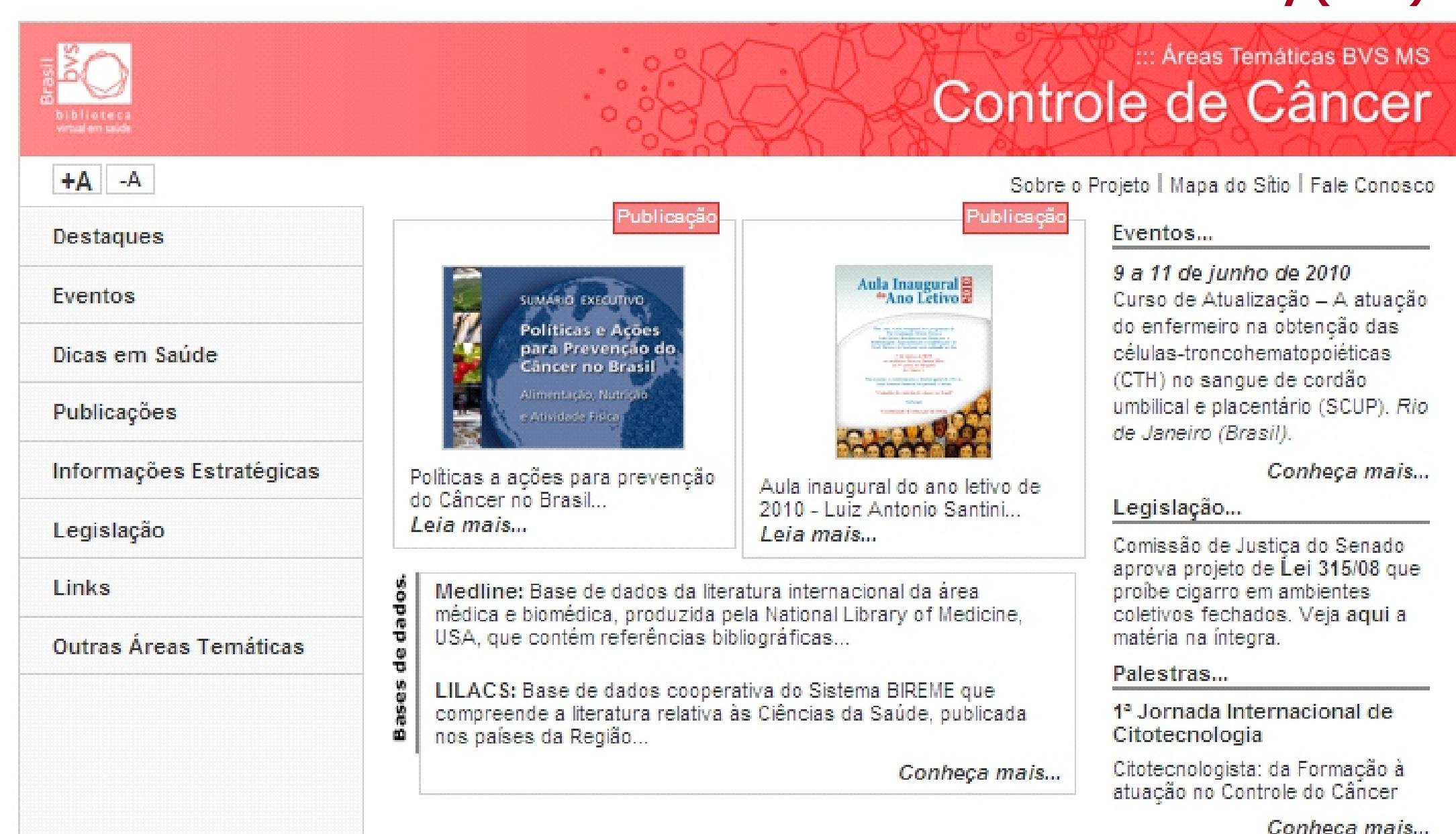
Teaching



Policy making



Thematic Area of Cancer Control in the Virtual Healthcare Library (BVS)



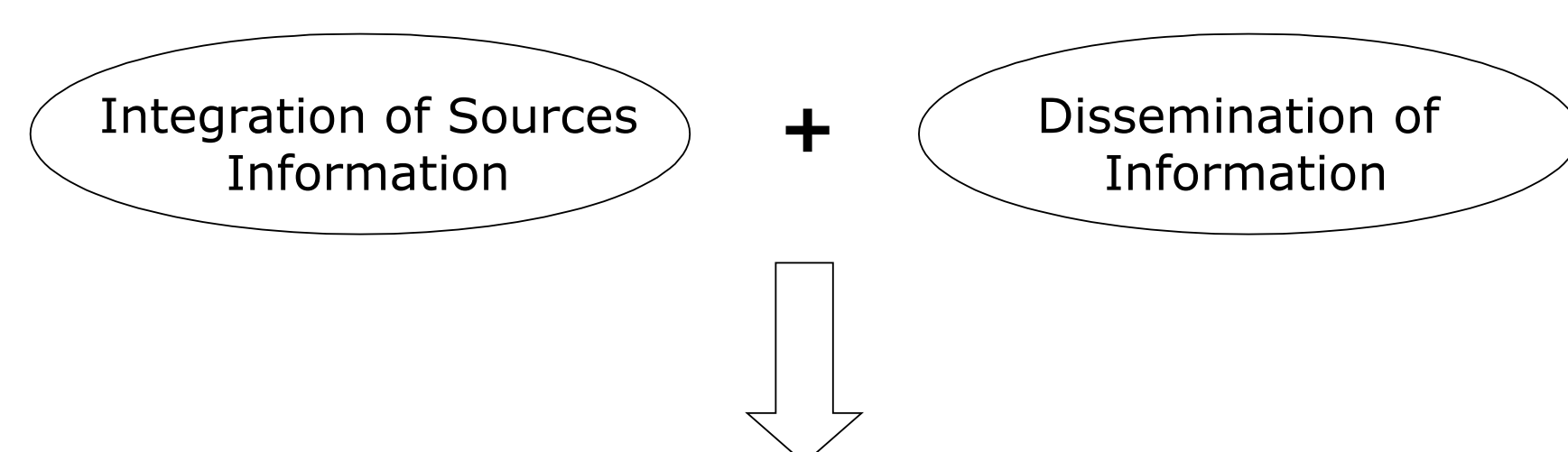
www.saude.gov.br/bvs/controlcancer



OBJECTIVE

Collection, selection, description, indexation, and generation of a database supplied by information sources in the Cancer Prevention and Control field towards the composition of thematic representation.

METHOD



This task consists of axes aiming at a widespread and comprehensive dissemination of prevention cancer control literature, both published and nonpublished, technical and scientific literature as well as information of public interest, such as healthcare hints and legislation.

CONCLUSION

The VHL will have an essential role both by facilitating access to relevant and quality information in the area and by being a strategic space for discussion and improvement for professional and other people interested in the topic. The available sources of information will provide subsidies to managers and health professionals in decision-making processes, training processes and the formulation of public policies. Its conformation mobilizes society participation, and supports policy and prevention programs to use information and evidence to improve population's health.

