



# Virtual Health Library Prevention and Cancer Control: a governance model for cooperative networks

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## Biblioteca Virtual em Saúde Prevenção e Controle de Câncer

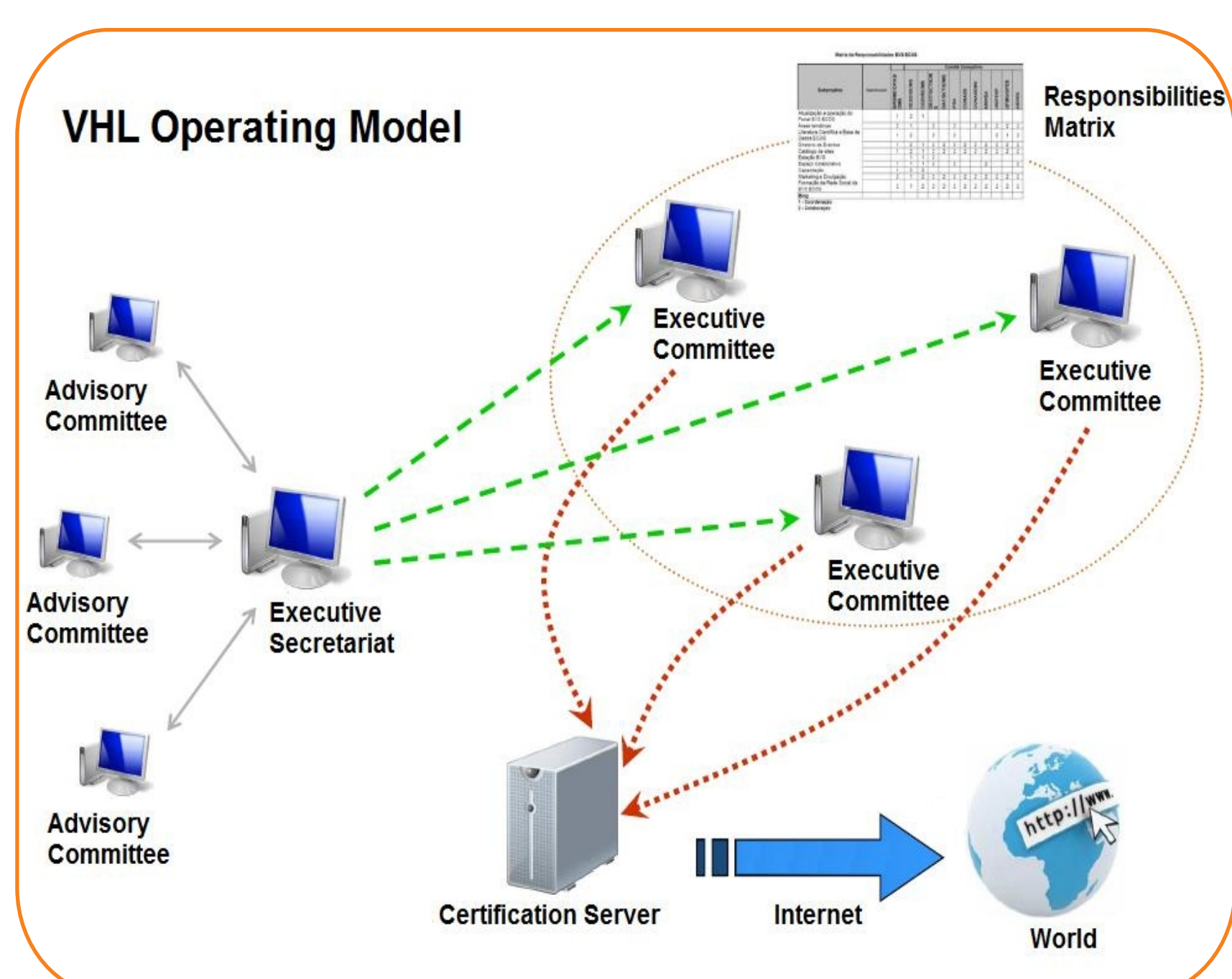
Virtual Health Library Cancer Prevention and Control is a model of knowledge and information management which organizes information in a public space referentially, bibliographically and in full text. The Library develops its activities through a cooperative network of institutions which are users and producers of information.



Good governance of this cooperative network is essential for the development and sustainability of the project and allows it to achieve its goals. A framework has been established in order to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all partners involved.

The institutions that are part of this collaborative network were selected in order to represent regional diversity observed in Brazilian territory and also the diverse institutions profiles linked to cancer control, which include for example research, academia, government, scientific societies and organizations representing patients.

Governance of the Virtual Health Library Cancer Prevention and Control is organized through the following structures:



**Advisory Committee:** It is composed of representatives of institutions of user, intermediaries and producers of health information with recognized expertise in the area of cancer control. It serves as a deliberation forum responsible for strategic decisions for the development, ongoing assessment, definition of quality criteria for information sources and promotion of the project. Its responsibilities include coordination of cooperative work, definition of quality criteria for the inclusion of information sources in the VHL, setting priorities, establishing the division of responsibilities in the cooperative operation of information sources, controlling and evaluating the performance of each information source and of VHL as a whole.



**Executive Committee:** It consists of libraries or information centers (librarians, IT professionals and others) linked to institutions involved with issues relevant to cancer control. Its functions include operating information sources in a decentralized way through its own methodology, keeping contents of information sources up to date, attending technical trainings to follow adjustments and methodological and technological development of VHL.

**Executive Secretariat:** It is represented by the National Cancer Institute José Alencar Gomes da Silva (INCA) since the Institute has political conditions, as well as economic, of human resources and of information technology, to assume leadership of the project. Its responsibilities include promoting the effective functioning of the Advisory Committee by organizing regular meetings, coordinating and promoting of VHL, ensuring the update and functioning of Responsibilities Matrix and training members of the Executive Committee.

**Responsibilities Matrix:** A document that is part of the development plan of the VHL and indicates attributions of the institutions that constitute the two committees and the Executive Secretariat.

Matriz de Responsabilidades																
Subprojetos	Instituto Nacional de Câncer José Alencar Gomes da Silva (INCA)	Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP)	Associação de Câncer de São Paulo (ACSP)	Associação de Câncer de Pernambuco (ACPE)	Associação de Câncer de Minas Gerais (ACMG)	Associação de Câncer de Rio de Janeiro (ACRJ)	Associação de Câncer de Bahia (ACB)	Associação de Câncer de Ceará (ACC)	Associação de Câncer de Piauí (ACP)	Associação de Câncer de Alagoas (ACA)	Associação de Câncer de Sergipe (ACS)	Associação de Câncer de Mato Grosso do Sul (ACMS)	Associação de Câncer de Goiás (ACG)	Associação de Câncer de Mato Grosso (ACMT)	Associação de Câncer de Pará (ACP)	Associação de Câncer de Acre (ACA)
Gestão da BVS																
Coordenar o trabalho cooperativo para o desenvolvimento da BVS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Promover a divisão de responsabilidades de cooperação e dos recursos disponíveis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Promover e fortalecer o trabalho cooperativo interinstitucional	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Discutir o plano de trabalho e orçamento anual para o desenvolvimento e manutenção da BVS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colaborar com a mobilização de recursos financeiros para o desenvolvimento da BVS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Áreas temáticas																
Definição dos temas prioritários	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Análise das referências recuperadas na pesquisa por áreas temáticas	X															
Marketing e Divulgação																
Elaboração de plano de promoção e divulgação da BVS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Participação em eventos para divulgação da BVS	X															
Portal da BVS																
Coordenação/organização das Fontes de Informação	X															

**Collaborative Network:** formed by institutions interested in collaborating with the Library by promoting the project or sending contents for information sources, but without being linked to any committee.

The creation of cooperative networks is a common initiative in public health field. However many of them are not fully implemented due to lack of management and governance tools. The experience shows that having these structures clearly defined from the beginning facilitates collaboration. The work developed can serve as a model for other cooperative projects.

