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United Through the Cure Bulletin – 2008

Conceptualised and planned in a participatory manner, the United through the Cure (Unidos Pela Cura) Initiative is an inter-sector tripartite initiative whose implementation has been under way since 2007, building up a public policy promoting early diagnoses of children's cancers.

OUTCOMES

Partnerships firmed up among:

- 10 public institutions
- 5 Civil Society Institutions
- 12 Strategic Committee Meetings (December 2005 – December 2008)

Administrators SUS	Specialised Units	Civil Society
<p><i>Secretaria Municipal de Saúde do Rio de Janeiro (SMS- RJ)</i> <i>Secretaria de Estado de Saúde and Defesa Civil do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (SESDEC- RJ)</i> <i>Ministério da Saúde - MS:</i> <i>Instituto Nacional de Câncer – INCA</i> <i>Departamento de Gestão Hospitalar no RJ – DGH</i></p>	<p><i>Hospital Geral da Lagoa (HGL)</i> <i>Hospital dos Servidores do Estado - HSE</i> <i>Hospital Municipal Jesus – HMJ</i> <i>INCA – Hospital de Câncer one Instituto de Puericultura and Pediatria Martagão Gesteira - IPPMG /UFRJ</i> <i>Instituto Estadual de Hematologia Arthur Siqueira Cavalcante - HEMORIO</i></p>	<p><i>Society de Pediatria do Rio de Janeiro - SOPERJ</i> <i>Society Brasileira de Oncologia Pediátrica – SOBOPE</i> <i>FIOTEC - Fundação para o Development Científico and Tecnológico em Saúde da Fiocruz</i> <i>Instituto Desiderata – Secretaria Executiva do Unidos pela Cura.</i> <i>Centro de Imagem da Criança - CIC</i></p>

Capacity-Building for Paediatricians in the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Public Health Network

In 2007, the capacity-building schedule was launched for the United through the Cure Initiative, under the technical coordination of the National Cancer Institute (INCA) and with its operations overseen by the Rio de Janeiro State Health Bureau. Heightening awareness of the signs and symptoms of childhood cancers among paediatricians in the Basic Healthcare Network is being handled through the PBL methodology.

In parallel, and in partnership with the Rio de Janeiro State Paediatrics Society (SOPERJ), the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Health Bureau organised a meeting during the second half of 2008 at the Hospital Souza Aguiar for paediatricians and physicians in this network with specialists from this Society, presenting strategies for the early detection of early childhood cancers.

- Ongoing Education – Rio de Janeiro Municipal Health Bureau and SOPERJ - August 26, 2008

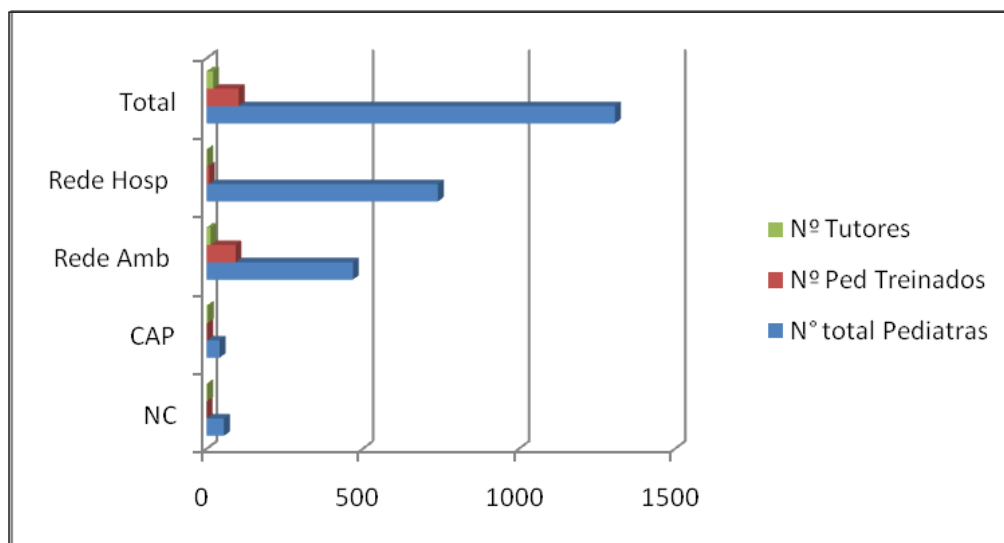
- 59 Paediatricians participated

- Permanent Education

Work Places	Total N° Paediatricians	N° Paeds Trained	N° Tutors	% Paeds trained
NC	56	0	2	3.6
Cap	42	2	4	14.3
Outpatient Network	469	93	13	22.6
Hospital Network	741	8	2	1.3
Total	1,308	103	21	9.5

N° Paediatricians trained – Hubs HMJ (3), HSE (2), IPPMG (3), HL (1)
 N° Total GPs (PSF): 132 - Trained: 9 (6.8%)

Graph 1: Distribution of Paediatricians in the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Health Network, 2008



Source :GPC/ SIMS-RJ, 2008

Preparation and implementation of computerised monitoring system for referral cards

On October 1, 2008, the computer system started up, streamlining the referral flows. Developed during 2008 under the technical coordination of the National Cancer Institute (INCA), this system speeds up referrals of patients from the Basic Outpatient Network to the Investigation Hubs in order to use the computerised tools at the local CAP level. Additionally, IT equipment had to be acquired, while decentralised capacity-building sessions were run for local managers and office workers at the CAP and Investigation Hubs hospitals.

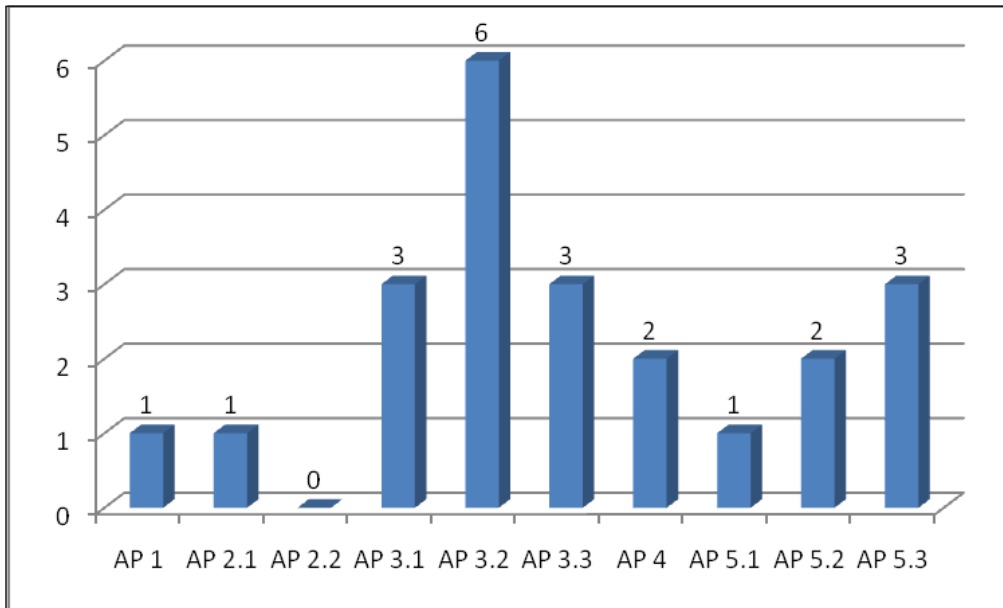
17 Computers

18 Decentralised capacity-building sessions including ten CAPS and five Investigation Hubs

22 Cards used between October 1, 2008 through to November 30, 2008, by 18 paediatricians,

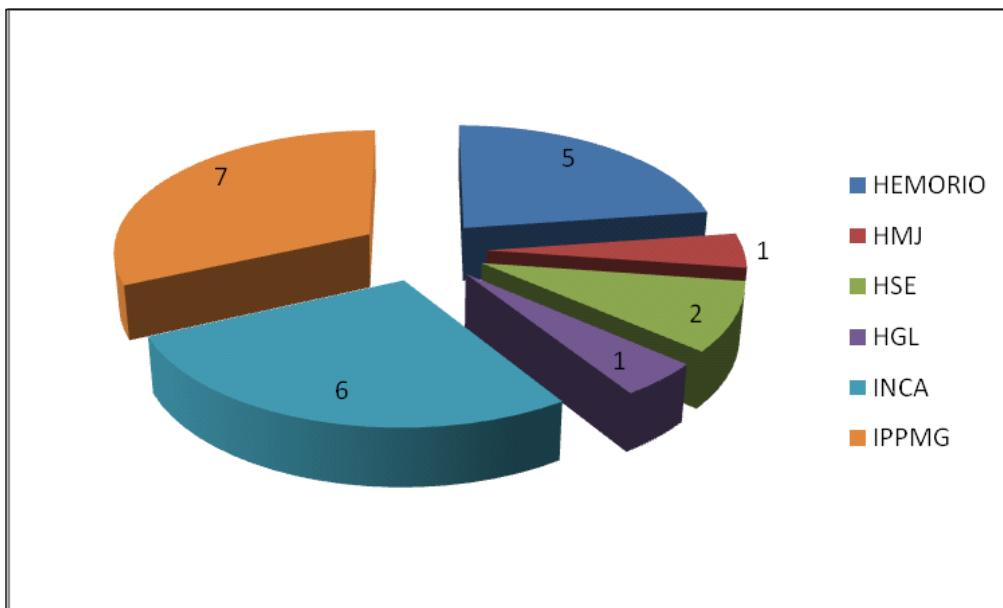
Of whom 8 attended the PBL capacity-building sessions

Graph 2: Distribution of referral cards by Programme Area (AP)
October – November 2008



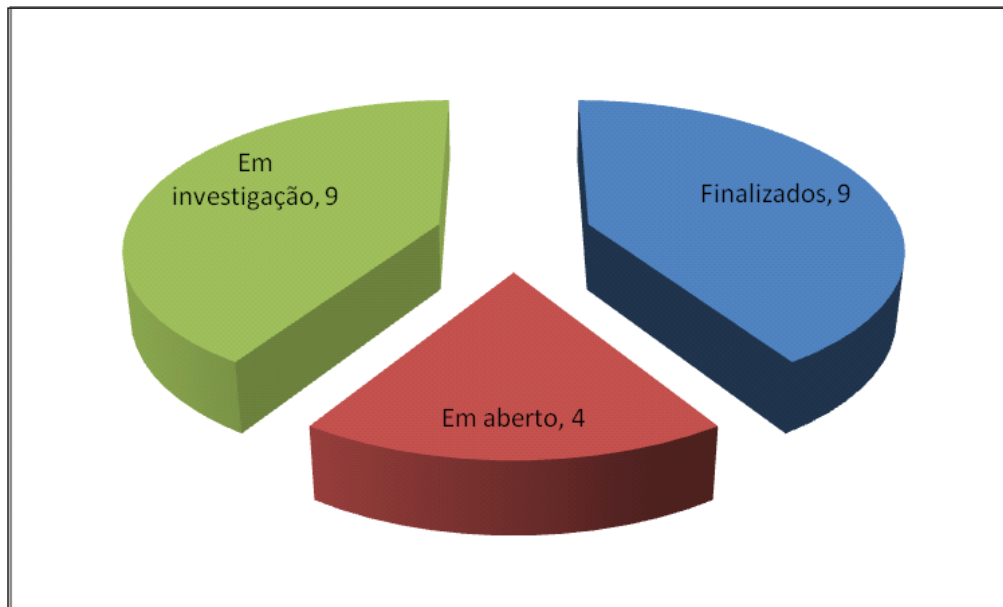
Source: United Through the Cure computer system, 2008

Graph 3: Distribution of Referral Cards received by the Investigation Hubs,
October - November 2008



Source: United Through the Cure computer system, 2008

Graph 4: Status of Referral Cards in Rio de Janeiro, October November 2008



Source: United Through the Cure computer system, 2008

- 22 cards during the period
- 82% of the children
- 1 confirmed case of cancer (CID 10-C7)