Our mission is to give access to better healthcare solutions to those who need it the most, while training the new generations.

The Jacinto Convit World Organization (JCWO) is a U.S. nonprofit and non-governmental organization founded in 2014 that contributes to public health efforts in cancer and infectious diseases, mainly in poor developing countries, and provides learning opportunities to students and professionals globally, in different fields.

The organization is named after doctor Jacinto Convit (1913-2014), a Venezuelan and world renowned physician, scientist, professor and humanist, who impacted millions of people worldwide with his medical studies and interventions along his lengthy career of more than 70 years.

JCWO builds international alliances to carry out its mission and engages in new innovative projects with different institutions, to benefit the most underprivileged and underserved populations.
Our History

Our story dates back to 1938 when doctor Convit graduated from medical school and moved to the main leprosarium of Venezuela, near the capital city of Caracas.

For years with a team of doctors and pharmacists, he worked to find a drug that could prove that leprosy was curable and with this, put an end to the compulsory isolation of patients.

As he achieved this, Venezuela became the first country to close the leprosariums and start treating leprosy patients in their own communities, a model that became a world reference in the treatment of the disease.

For decades, he focused on the development of vaccines to treat leprosy and leishmaniasis; the latter being another devastating cutaneous disease that is endemic in tropical countries. His tireless work and studies on infectious diseases that affected the poorest in remote “forgotten” villages, led him a few years later to develop immunotherapies for both affections.

In his last years of life, doctor Convit took upon a new challenge, cancer, as he saw in this disease an immunosuppressive behavior similar to that in leprosy and leishmaniasis, and proposed a personalized immunotherapy based on his experiences treating infectious diseases.

During his career, he created pioneer reference institutions in Venezuela and attracted specialists and collaborators from all over the world. He focused intensively on the training of new generations in his native country and abroad, as a fundamental aspect to increase human capabilities and generate the necessary progress in society.

His discoveries and treatment of a biblical disease, among other fearful cutaneous affections, his dedication to the most stigmatized patients in society, and his lifetime public service free of charge, made him a popular public health hero. Today, his legacy is a source of inspiration for many around the world.
Institutional Background

With doctor Convit well into his nineties, a multidisciplinary group of young professionals saw the urgent need to protect, support and continue his efforts.

In 2010, they incorporated a small nongovernmental organization “Asoinmunocáncer” and in 2012 created Fundación Jacinto Convit, which absorbed the prior organization and “Asociación Civil para la Investigación Dermatológica” founded by doctor Convit in 1960; this with the purpose of uniting efforts under one consolidated institution to provide continuity to doctor Convit’s legacy in Venezuela. Two years later, JCWO was incorporated in the U.S. to escalate the work to other countries and promote the legacy worldwide.

Philosophy

The desire to help the most vulnerable, be useful to others and work to build a stronger society, are some of the values that have inspired JCWO since its inception.

Our philosophy is based on doctor Convit’s ideals and humanistic approach to life as a whole. As a believer that science and education are the primary basis for the evolution and development of nations, JCWO focuses its mission on equal access to health services, new treatments and providing learning opportunities to the youth around the globe.

We promote these values every day through our work with every counterpart and beneficiary.
Main Objectives

1. Promote doctor Convit’s scientific and human legacy throughout the world

2. Execute clinical trials using ConvitVax, with the aim of making this low-cost, potentially effective and personalized treatment available to patients who cannot access high-cost therapies

3. Improve the quality of life and survival rate of patients in poor developing countries by giving them access to health related services and treatments

4. Provide students and professionals training opportunities and participation in highly challenging projects in various fields

5. Build international collaborative networks to perform new research and educational projects that increase JCWO’s impact in communities
1 Cancer Immunotherapy
Develops immunotherapeutic options to treat chronic and infectious diseases of relevance. It is currently focused on the development of a personalized breast cancer vaccine, named ConvitVax. This therapy seeks to boost the patient’s own immune system against the malignant cells by combining the patient’s own tumor cells with BCG and low concentrations of formalin. Based on our philosophy, the organization works to potentially offer a free of cost, effective and safe therapy to populations who cannot access innovative therapies and in many cases conventional treatments.

2 Molecular Diagnostics
Provides a free of cost, early and specific diagnostic for the control and survival of patients that are affected by various types of cancer, such as leukemia and solid tumors, and infectious diseases like the human immunodeficiency virus. Currently, this service is carried out in South America to benefit children and adults of all ages and genders in poverty and extreme poverty. The program improves the quality of life of patients, their prognosis and response to treatment, and increases their survival rate due to the early detection, stratification of the disease risk and the possibility of determining the best possible treatment option for the specific diagnosis.

3 Internship
Gives undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate students the opportunity to learn new skills and participate in highly challenging projects of the organization that contribute to their personal and professional growth. These students will impact the world through fields such as healthcare, research, design, marketing and fundraising, and will begin to build their career path by developing skills in areas of interest.
Team Effort

We are strong believers in the power of team work over individual efforts and the key of having a multidisciplinary team to achieve our goals. JCWO is possible thanks to the sum of professionals, institutions, collaborators, allies, donors and students that believe in the importance of uniting for a greater cause to benefit those that are most vulnerable in society.

We are deeply thankful to everyone that takes part in this organization and contributes to the development of our programs.

Work With Us

We can perform efficiently and help more communities when our people work together unifying commitment, communication and diversity of capabilities. In JCWO, we are always looking to add new talent to our multidisciplinary team, such as students and professionals that want to make a positive impact in the world, who are proactive and enthusiastic about working in the nonprofit sector.

If you are interested in joining our team, submit your application through the opportunities section of our website and let us know how you wish to participate.
Join our cause!

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