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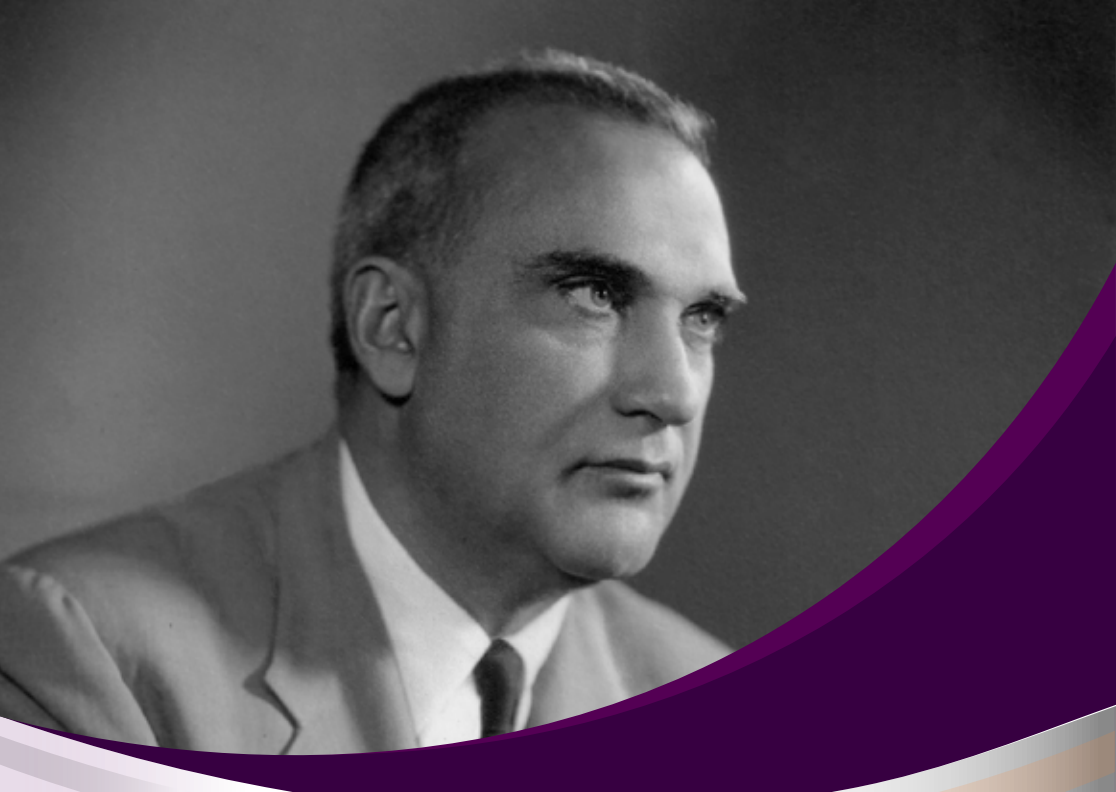


About us

Jacinto Convit World Organization (JCWO) is a 501(c)(3) public charity incorporated in 2014 in the state of California, whose mission is to provide access to adequate healthcare services and treatments to those who need it most, while training new generations of professionals. JCWO focal points are research and diagnostic testing of illnesses, as well as the development of new professionals via four high impact programs: Cancer Immunotherapy, Molecular Diagnostics, Internship and Ambassadors.

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.



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 “Asoinmuncáncer” 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 projects in Venezuela. Two years later, JCWO was incorporated in the United States to escalate the work to other countries and promote his legacy worldwide.

Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on Doctor Convit's values and humanistic approach to life as a whole. The desire to help the most vulnerable, be useful to others and work to build a stronger society, are some of the ideals that have inspired JCWO since its inception.

As firm believers that science and education are fundamental for the development of nations, we focus on giving patients equitable access to modern diagnostics and innovative treatments, as well as learning opportunities for students.

We promote these ideals every day through our work with every counterpart and beneficiary.



Improve the quality of life and survival rate of patients in poor developing countries

Goals

- 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





Programs

1 Cancer Immunotherapy

Develops a low cost, simple, personalized, potentially safe and effective immunotherapy, named ConvitVax, targeted to underprivileged patients with breast cancer. This therapy combines the patient's tumor cells with bacillus Calmette Guérin (BCG) and low concentrations of formalin. Studies in animals and a human pilot experience show that the combination of these components stimulate the immune system, achieving an effective and specific response against the body's tumor cells with minimal to no side-effects and a possible establishment of immune memory, which may reduce the possibility of disease recurrence.

2 Molecular Diagnostics

Helps to provide a free of cost, early and specific diagnosis for children and adults of all ages and genders in poverty, affected by various types of cancer, mainly leukemia and solid tumors. This type of testing improves the quality of life of patients, their prognosis and response to treatment, and increases their survival rate due to early detection, stratification of disease risk and the possibility of determining the best treatment option for the specific diagnosis.

3 Internship

Offers students from all over the globe, the opportunity to learn new skills and participate in highly challenging projects within the organization, contributing to their personal and professional growth. Interns can impact the world through areas including health care, research, design, marketing and fundraising. Students from countries such as Canada, England, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States and Venezuela have benefitted.

4 Ambassadors

Aims to establish a cohesive group of students and professionals, including those who have been interns and or volunteers of the organization, to play a crucial role in spreading and upholding JCWO's work and values. By leveraging their experiences and knowledge, they will contribute to the growth and success of our mission.

Sum of efforts

JCWO is possible thanks to professionals, institutions, collaborators, allies, donors, volunteers and students that believe in the importance of uniting for a greater cause to benefit those that are most vulnerable in society. Thanks to their contributions, the organization is now a hope for patients who lack the resources to access healthcare services and treatments.

Our deepest gratitude goes to everyone that takes part in this effort and contributes to the development of our programs.

Teamwork

We strongly believe in the power of teamwork over individual efforts, valuing the key of having a multidisciplinary team to achieve all goals. By unifying commitment, communication and diversity of capabilities, we can perform efficiently and help more communities.

If you wish to participate in this cause and help others who are in need, contact us through the opportunities section of our website.



Join this cause!



On behalf of our beneficiaries, JCWO truly thanks you for caring and taking action



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