Twitter Thread by <u>Dr Chioma Nwakanma</u>





Hello @SMILEWithmeNGO I am glad to be here. Thank you for having me.

A very big welcome to everyone joining today's conversation. Our guest today needs no introduction especially in the sphere of cancer control and advocacy. Welcome <u>@runciecwc</u>

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Our First guest is Runcie Chidebe @runciecwc.

He is a patient advocate and global health expert. He is the ED of <u>@projectpinkblue</u>, a cancer nonprofit focused on cancer control in Nigeria. He is engaged in supporting people battling with cancer, fundraising for indigent patients, pic.twitter.com/6tKYkq4h4F

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<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> Q1: So Runcie <u>@runciecwc</u>, we see all the amazing work you do as an advocate. Can you share with us some of the work that you have been doing in cancer control in Nigeria? #CheatCervicalCancer

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> That's amazing. Your work speaks for you. Thanks for all you do.

Q2: What is this <u>@WHO</u> Global Strategy to accelerate the Elimination of CervicalCancer? Can you elaborate on it?

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<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> Q3: In your experience, so far what are the greatest challenges you have identified with cancer control in Nigeria? #CheatCervicalCancer.

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> Q4: Interestingly, we have seen that your organization is part of the Coalition of CSOs against Cervical Cancer in Nigeria, @CervicalCancerN, what is the goal of this Coalition? #CheatCervicalCancer

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q5: We know of many NGOs fighting this same course who would like to join <u>@CervicalCancerN</u>, how can they join? #CheatCervicalCancer

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q6: What does this <u>@WHO</u> Global Strategy to accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer mean to Nigerians? Have we adopted it as a country and what plans are in ground?

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<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q7: What is cervical cancer and can it be prevented? #CheatCervicalCancer

@SMILEWithmeNGO @runciecwc @WHO @CervicalCancerN Q8:

We have heard so much about the HPV infection. What is this Human Papilloma virus? #CheatCervicalCancer

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q9: Tell us a bit more about Human Papillomavirus Vaccines?

What do we need to know as individuals?

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<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q10: So you have told us a lot about this HPV vaccine and it's benefits. Now, given the present increase in Vaccine hesitancy all over the world including Nigeria, especially as regards Covid19.

Do you see this as a problem, how can we navigate it? #CheatCervicalCancer

<u>@SMILEWithmeNGO</u> <u>@runciecwc</u> <u>@WHO</u> <u>@CervicalCancerN</u> Q11: Will the <u>@WHO</u> global strategy on Elimination of #CervicalCancer benefit Nigerians, since we know that millions of Nigerians cannot afford this HPV vaccine?

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@SMILEWithmeNGO @runciecwc @WHO @CervicalCancerN Q12:

How can state governments help in ensuring their people have access to the lifesaving HPV vaccine? #CheatCervicalCancer

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What is the role of Nigerians in this strategy?

What can we do to support the work of the government as regards elimination of Cervical Cancer in Nigeria?

Protective measures.

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