# KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION

## ConeCta-SP Project Newsletter

## Get to know ConeCta-SP

This is the fourth newsletter of the ConeCta-SP project – "Cancer Control in the State of São Paulo: from knowledge to action", created to translate scientific evidence into practical and effective actions that positively impact public health in the state of São Paulo. Headquartered at the Oncocentro Foundation of São Paulo (FOSP) and funded by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) and the São Paulo State Department of Health (SES-SP), ConeCta-SP works in collaboration with partners institutions across two main axis: 1) Early diagnosis and prevention of cervical and breast cancer, and 2) Cancer control based on data from hospital-based cancer registries.

To learn more about these pillars, access detailed project information, meet the team, and consult publications and communication channels, click **here**.

# What's Happening at ConeCta-SP

### ConeCta-SP research featured by Agência FAPESP

Two studies conducted within the ConeCta-SP framework, one on barriers to cervical cancer screening and another on barriers to breast cancer screening, were recently highlighted by Agência FAPESP, the news service that disseminates scientific advances and research results supported by the Foundation.

The news article presented the main findings, emphasizing that fear, pain, embarrassment, and social inequalities continue to keep many women away from cancer screening programs. It also underscored ConeCta-SP's central proposal to strengthen an organized screening model, replacing the opportunistic approach that still predominates in the country. The article further mentioned the project's pilot initiative of an electronic system (SisConeCta-SP), designed to identify the target population and monitor all stages of the screening process.

To access the full article, click **here**.



## SisConeCta-SP advances: electronic system reaches the entire São João da Boa Vista region

The pilot implementation of ConeCta-SP's electronic system (SisConeCta-SP),launched in the municipality of Mococa in April 2025 and presented in our **Newsletter # 2**, is now being expanded to the other 19 municipalities that make up the Regional Health Department (DRS) of São João da Boa Vista (DRS 14).



The experience in Mococa was essential for identifying the real needs of local teams, testing operational workflows, and adjusting system functionalities to ensure that the platform is intuitive and compatible with routine healthcare delivery. Based on these insights, improvements were incorporated to enhance the system's accuracy and usability, strengthening the capacity of Primary Health Care teams to identify the target population, support active outreach, monitor care pathways, and improve follow-up quality.

SisConeCta-SP continues to advance. Its expansion to the entire DRS 14 marks an important step toward process standardization, reduction of inequalities, and strengthening of regional coordination in screening actions. The system will soon be implemented in other regions of the state, broadening its reach and contributing to the consolidation of an organized screening model across São Paulo.

# ConeCta-SP in Action

## Regional workshops strengthen breast and cervical cancer screening actions in the Presidente Prudente region (DRS 11)

In this edition, we present preliminary results from the monitoring forms applied in DRS 11 – Presidente Prudente. To access them, click **here**.

Among the 45 municipalities in the region, representatives from 41 responded to the breast cancer screening questionnaire, and 44 responded to the cervical cancer screening questionnaire, demonstrating high engagement. Respondents were primarily municipal coordinators, along with nurses, physicians, doctors, and other professionals designated by local leadership.



*Regional workshops promoted by ConeCta-SP, in partnership with FOSP, constitute a key strategy for strengthening screening programs, progressively enhancing local implementation and increasing alignment with Ministry of Health guidelines. More details are available in **Newsletter # 2***

*Between 2024 and 2025, activities reached several regions, generating mobilization and positive impact, as presented in **Newsletter # 3**. By December 2025, the workshops had reached 110 municipalities and 1.7 million eligible women, with approaches tailored to the characteristics of each territory*

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