



World Declaration for Research on Cancer

Cancer is projected to become the leading cause of death worldwide, with an increase to 21.6 million new cases per year predicted by 2030 (1). The loss of years of life and productivity together with disability from cancer account for the largest economic cost on a global scale, compared to other causes of death including infectious diseases (2). Urgent action must be taken to prevent unnecessary deaths and suffering due to cancer and to reduce the great economic burden and social impact of this disease.

The predicted increase in the burden of cancer calls for greater supportive efforts in different areas. One of the most important is to support and promote research on the causes, prevention and early detection of cancer as a key foundation for controlling the disease. This increased investment will complement vital efforts towards the discovery of a cure for cancer or transforming the disease into a chronic illness, both approaches translating into higher survival rates. Cancer research findings to date are responsible for the current opportunities to prevent up to 50% of cancers, for the 50% survival rate among those who are diagnosed with the disease and for the development of less aggressive treatments of some tumors, thus improving the quality of life of cancer patients.

Cancer research still faces great challenges such as developing additional effective prevention and early detection strategies, progressing in diagnostic procedures, developing treatments that save lives at a lower cost, enhancing international collaborating networks, establishing sustainable funding models, increasing research training opportunities, and defining the infrastructure to allow a fast implementation of the research findings into national health care systems, to control cancer.

For all of the above reasons, the **World Declaration for Research on Cancer** calls for the active involvement of citizens, enterprises, institutions and leaders in diverse areas and activities to join efforts to promote research in order to reduce the number of people who develop cancer and to improve survival rates and the quality of life among cancer patients.

With the purpose of accelerating advances in cancer research, the undersigned endorse this Declaration and commit themselves to work towards the following goals for 2025:

- Increase social awareness and knowledge about the value and impact of cancer research efforts by establishing September 24th as the World Cancer Research Day.
- Enhance sustainable funding sources for cancer research in each country by involving individuals, companies and institutions.
- Promote international collaboration to enable global advances in cancer research.
- Provide training in cancer research.
- Encourage the development of infrastructures for cancer research in each country.

This initiative is conceived as a contribution to the goals of the World Cancer Declaration (3) to promote research on cancer and advance towards our ultimate goal: to defeat cancer.

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