



Wilms Cancer Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Establish Landmark Global Collaboration to Advance International Action Against Wilms Tumor

Five-Year Strategic Agreement Creates Framework for International Collaboration in Education, Research, Capacity Building and Global Childhood Cancer Initiatives

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 6, 2026 – The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** today announced the signing of a landmark **Master Collaboration Agreement** with **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, establishing a long-term strategic framework to advance international collaboration in the fight against Wilms tumor, the most common form of childhood kidney cancer.

The five-year agreement provides the foundation for both organizations to develop and implement collaborative projects spanning education, research, resource mobilization, implementation science, professional training, and other initiatives designed to improve outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor around the world. Individual projects will be developed through separate Project Agreements, creating a flexible framework that enables the partnership to evolve as new opportunities emerge. The collaboration represents one of the most significant milestones in the Wilms Cancer Foundation's history and further strengthens its expanding programme of international partnerships with leading organizations committed to improving childhood cancer outcomes worldwide.

Bringing Together Global Expertise

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognised as one of the world's leading pediatric oncology institutions, with a mission to advance cures and means of prevention for catastrophic childhood diseases through patient care, medical research, global education, and international collaboration. The Wilms Cancer Foundation has rapidly established itself as a leading international organization dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor through the development of specialist educational programmes, digital innovation, awareness campaigns, advocacy initiatives, and strategic global partnerships. Together, the organizations share a common vision of improving survival and quality of life for children affected by Wilms tumor by strengthening education, collaboration, and healthcare capacity around the world.

The Master Collaboration Agreement specifically provides a framework for future collaborative activities that may include educational programmes, research initiatives, implementation projects, resource mobilisation, and other mutually agreed activities designed to improve childhood cancer care globally. Clinical trials are specifically excluded from the agreement and would require separate arrangements.

Strengthening the Global Fight Against Wilms Tumor

The new collaboration complements the Wilms Cancer Foundation's growing international programme of work undertaken in partnership with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** in support of the **Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**.

Together, these strategic relationships place the Foundation in a unique position to help connect global policy, clinical expertise, healthcare education, and patient advocacy into coordinated international programmes designed to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

Through this collaborative framework, the Foundation intends to work alongside St. Jude to support initiatives that:

- Improve awareness and understanding of Wilms tumor worldwide.

- Strengthen education for healthcare professionals.
- Support earlier recognition and diagnosis of childhood kidney cancer.
- Improve access to trusted evidence-based information.
- Encourage international collaboration between healthcare providers and organizations.
- Support implementation of programmes that improve childhood cancer care.
- Enhance survivorship education and long-term follow-up resources.

Supporting the Foundation's International Programme of Work

The collaboration will further strengthen the Foundation's rapidly expanding portfolio of global initiatives, including:

- **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**
A worldwide programme designed to improve awareness, education, collaboration, advocacy, and healthcare capacity while supporting international action against Wilms tumor.
- **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™ (WTKI)**
One of the world's most comprehensive educational resources dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor, providing trusted, evidence-based information for children, parents, healthcare professionals, researchers, educators, students, and policymakers.
- **Wilms Tumor WebApp**
A multilingual digital platform providing instant access to educational resources and clinical information across desktop and mobile devices, helping improve accessibility regardless of geographical location.
- **Wilms Tumor AI (WTai)**
An artificial intelligence-powered information service designed to help families, healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates, and students rapidly locate reliable guidance throughout every stage of the childhood cancer journey.

Together with the Foundation's growing library of multilingual educational literature being developed alongside the World Health Organization in support of the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, these initiatives are helping create one of the most comprehensive international educational programmes dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor.

Delivering Global Impact

The Wilms Cancer Foundation's educational programmes are increasingly being delivered across priority regions identified through the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer framework.

Current areas of focus include:

- South America
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- The Middle East
- Asia-Pacific

Alongside regional programmes, the Foundation has also expanded country-specific initiatives in nations including **South Korea** and **Iran**, supporting families, healthcare professionals, hospitals, and patient organizations through education, awareness, advocacy, and collaborative partnerships.

Collectively, these programmes are designed to improve access to trusted information for populations representing billions of people worldwide while supporting healthcare systems tackling childhood cancer every day.

A Shared Vision for International Collaboration

TJ Hodgkinson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Wilms Cancer Foundation, said:

"This agreement represents an important milestone in our mission to improve outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor around the world. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is recognised globally for its leadership in pediatric oncology, and establishing this collaborative framework creates exciting opportunities to combine expertise, develop innovative educational programmes, and strengthen international collaboration for the benefit of children, families, healthcare professionals, and researchers worldwide."

"Together with our ongoing work supporting the World Health Organization and the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, this partnership reinforces our commitment to ensuring that every child—regardless of where they live—has access to better awareness, earlier diagnosis, trusted information, improved treatment knowledge, and stronger survivorship support."

Looking Ahead

The Master Collaboration Agreement establishes a flexible framework through which both organizations can develop future collaborative projects over the next five years.

Each initiative undertaken under the agreement will be supported through individual Project Agreements that define objectives, timelines, deliverables, and responsibilities while enabling the partnership to respond to emerging opportunities and priorities within global childhood cancer care.

As the Wilms Cancer Foundation continues to expand its international partnerships and educational programmes, this collaboration represents another major step towards achieving its vision of becoming the world's leading organization dedicated exclusively to improving awareness, education, collaboration, advocacy, and outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor.

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** is an international childhood kidney cancer charity dedicated exclusively to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor (Nephroblastoma) through education, awareness, advocacy, innovation, research collaboration, and patient support. As an official partner supporting the **World Health Organization's Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**, the Foundation works with hospitals, healthcare professionals, researchers, governments, and patient organizations worldwide to strengthen care, improve access to trusted information, and promote earlier diagnosis and better outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor.

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