



Global Initiative for Wilms Tumor

## **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) Launches Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI) to Improve Outcomes for Children with Childhood Kidney Cancer**

Landmark International Program Aims to Strengthen Awareness, Education, Early Diagnosis, Support Services, and Global Collaboration for Wilms Tumor

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. - June 6, 2025** - The Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) is proud to announce the official launch of the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, a landmark international program designed to improve awareness, education, early diagnosis, treatment access, survivorship support, and long-term outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor (nephroblastoma), the most common childhood kidney cancer.

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI) has been established in response to the significant disparities that continue to exist in Wilms tumor diagnosis, treatment, access to healthcare services, survivorship care, and family support across many regions of the world.

Through international collaboration, education, advocacy, healthcare professional engagement, and support initiatives, the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ seeks to help ensure that every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor has access to the information, treatment, support, and opportunities needed to achieve the best possible outcome regardless of geographic location.

### **Addressing Global Challenges in Wilms Tumor Care**

Although survival rates for Wilms tumor exceed 90 percent in many high-income countries, substantial inequalities in childhood cancer care remain worldwide.

Children and families in many low- and middle-income countries continue to face challenges including:

- Delayed diagnosis
- Limited access to specialist pediatric oncology services
- Healthcare workforce shortages
- Treatment abandonment
- Limited access to educational resources
- Financial barriers to treatment
- Restricted access to survivorship services
- Healthcare inequalities and disparities in outcomes

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ has been developed to address these challenges through a coordinated international approach involving healthcare professionals, hospitals, patient organizations, advocacy groups, researchers, governments, and global health partners.

### **Strategic Priorities of the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™**

The initiative focuses on several key areas designed to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor worldwide.

### **Improving Global Awareness**



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Increasing public awareness of Wilms tumor symptoms and childhood kidney cancer is essential to supporting earlier diagnosis and improving survival rates.

## **Supporting Earlier Diagnosis**

The initiative seeks to improve recognition of childhood cancer symptoms among parents, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and communities to facilitate earlier referral and treatment.

## **Expanding Access to Trusted Information**

The initiative aims to improve access to reliable, evidence-based educational resources relating to symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, relapse, survivorship, and long-term care.

## **Strengthening Global Advocacy**

Through advocacy and international engagement, the initiative seeks to raise awareness of the challenges affecting children diagnosed with Wilms tumor and support policies that improve access to care.

## **Improving Survivorship Outcomes**

The initiative recognizes the importance of long-term follow-up care, survivorship support, psychosocial services, and quality-of-life initiatives for children and survivors.

## **Fostering International Collaboration**

The Foundation believes that meaningful progress can only be achieved through sustained international collaboration between healthcare professionals, researchers, hospitals, advocacy organizations, patient groups, and global institutions.

## **Supporting the World Health Organization and the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer**

As an official partner of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the Wilms Cancer Foundation actively supports the objectives of the **WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**.

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ has been designed to complement and support the goals of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer by contributing to efforts aimed at:

- Improving early diagnosis
- Expanding access to treatment
- Strengthening healthcare systems
- Supporting healthcare workforce development
- Improving survivorship care
- Reducing treatment abandonment
- Enhancing family and caregiver support
- Reducing disparities in childhood cancer outcomes

Through its activities, the initiative seeks to support broader international efforts to improve childhood cancer survival rates and quality of life worldwide.

## **Launching a Comprehensive Global Resource Ecosystem**

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative will provide a framework for the development and delivery of a wide range of programs and resources designed to support children, families, healthcare professionals, and advocacy organizations worldwide.



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Initiatives delivered under the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ include:

- The Complete Guide to Wilms Tumor
- The International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index
- AI-powered information and support services
- The Global Wilms Tumor WebApp
- Healthcare professional education initiatives
- Family and caregiver support programs
- International awareness campaigns
- Advocacy and partnership initiatives
- Educational literature and multimedia resources

Together, these programs will help create one of the world's most comprehensive information and support ecosystems dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor.

## **A Call for Global Collaboration**

The Wilms Cancer Foundation is inviting healthcare professionals, hospitals, researchers, childhood cancer organizations, advocacy groups, policymakers, survivors, families, and supporters from around the world to participate in the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™.

The Foundation believes that by working together, the global childhood cancer community can help address disparities in care, improve access to treatment and information, strengthen survivorship services, and improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

## **Looking Toward the Future**

The launch of the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ represents a significant milestone in the Foundation's ongoing efforts to improve outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor worldwide.

Through collaboration, innovation, education, advocacy, and partnership, the initiative seeks to create a future where every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor has access to timely diagnosis, effective treatment, comprehensive support services, survivorship care, and the opportunity not only to survive cancer, but to thrive beyond it.

## **About the Wilms Cancer Foundation**

The Wilms Cancer Foundation is an international charitable organization dedicated to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor through education, awareness, advocacy, support, and global collaboration. Through the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, the Foundation works to improve early diagnosis, strengthen healthcare education, reduce treatment disparities, and support families affected by childhood kidney cancer worldwide.

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