

Wilms Cancer Foundation Joins the International Kidney Cancer Coalition, Strengthening the Global Voice for Children with Kidney Cancer

Foundation Becomes the Only International Member Organization Dedicated Exclusively to Pediatric Renal (Kidney) Cancer

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DUIVENDRECHT, NETHERLANDS / WASHINGTON, DC, USA – September 23, 2022 – The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** is proud to announce that it has joined the **International Kidney Cancer Coalition (IKCC)**, one of the world's leading international alliances of kidney cancer patient organizations. The Foundation's membership marks an important milestone in expanding international collaboration and ensuring that the unique needs of children diagnosed with kidney cancer are represented within the global kidney cancer community. The International Kidney Cancer Coalition brings together patient organizations from across the world to improve outcomes through advocacy, patient education, research collaboration, healthcare policy, survivorship initiatives, and international partnership. By joining this respected global network, the Wilms Cancer Foundation will contribute its specialist expertise in pediatric renal oncology while working alongside fellow member organizations to advance the care of people affected by kidney cancer worldwide.

Importantly, the Wilms Cancer Foundation joins IKCC as **the only international patient organization dedicated exclusively to pediatric renal (kidney) cancer**. While many member organizations focus primarily on adult kidney cancers, particularly renal cell carcinoma (RCC), the Foundation's sole mission is to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor (nephroblastoma)** and other rare pediatric renal cancers through education, advocacy, family support, healthcare professional engagement, and international collaboration.

This unique role ensures that the perspectives of children, families, survivors, and pediatric healthcare professionals are represented within one of the world's foremost international kidney cancer networks. It also creates new opportunities to share knowledge between pediatric and adult renal oncology communities in areas including survivorship, patient advocacy, digital health, education, genomics, precision medicine, and health equity.

Strengthening International Collaboration

Membership of IKCC reflects the Wilms Cancer Foundation's continued commitment to working with leading international organizations to improve outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor. The Foundation believes that collaboration between patient organizations, healthcare professionals, researchers, governments, and advocacy groups is essential to addressing disparities in diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and access to care around the world.

As part of the Coalition, the Foundation will contribute its experience in developing evidence-based educational resources, supporting healthcare professionals, engaging families, and promoting international initiatives focused specifically on childhood kidney cancer.

Its flagship programmes include the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, the **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™ (WTKI)**, and the **Wilms Tumor WebApp**, all of which have been developed to improve access to trusted information and specialist educational resources for families and healthcare professionals worldwide.

Giving Children with Kidney Cancer a Global Voice

The Foundation's membership also highlights the importance of ensuring that pediatric kidney cancer has a dedicated voice within international discussions surrounding kidney cancer policy, advocacy, research, and education.



Although Wilms tumor differs significantly from adult kidney cancers in its biology, treatment, and patient population, many broader issues—including patient advocacy, survivorship, healthcare access, psychosocial support, and health equity—are shared across the kidney cancer community. By bringing together expertise from both pediatric and adult renal oncology, IKCC provides an important platform for collaboration that benefits patients of all ages.

A Shared Vision

The Wilms Cancer Foundation and the International Kidney Cancer Coalition share a commitment to improving lives through education, patient empowerment, research collaboration, and stronger international partnerships. Together, they aim to promote earlier diagnosis, improve access to high-quality care, strengthen survivorship, and ensure that patients and families remain at the centre of healthcare decision-making.

Through its membership, the Wilms Cancer Foundation will continue to advocate for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor while contributing specialist knowledge to the broader international kidney cancer community.

Quote

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

"Joining the International Kidney Cancer Coalition is a significant milestone for the Wilms Cancer Foundation and, more importantly, for children and families affected by Wilms tumor around the world. As the only international patient organization dedicated exclusively to pediatric renal cancer, we are proud to bring a specialist childhood perspective to this global alliance. Together with our fellow member organizations, we look forward to strengthening international collaboration, advancing education, supporting research, and ensuring that children with kidney cancer have a strong and lasting voice within the global kidney cancer community."

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The **Wilms Cancer Foundation** is an international nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to improving outcomes for children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor**, the most common form of childhood kidney cancer. Through education, advocacy, family support, healthcare professional engagement, digital innovation, and international collaboration, the Foundation works to improve awareness, support earlier diagnosis, strengthen survivorship, and reduce global inequalities in childhood kidney cancer care.

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