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Wilms Cancer Foundation Expands Childhood Kidney Cancer Educational Library to 15 Languages, Advancing Global Access to Patient and Family Resources

Addition of Cantonese, Russian, Japanese and Swahili builds on 11 existing languages, strengthening the international reach of childhood kidney cancer educational literature and caregiver support resources.

WASHINGTON, DC – October 20, 2026 – The Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF), an international charitable organisation dedicated to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor and other childhood kidney cancers, has announced the expansion of its library of educational literature with the addition of four new languages: **Cantonese, Russian, Japanese and Swahili**.

The four new languages supplement the Foundation's existing educational literature catalogue of 11 languages - **English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Persian (Farsi), Hindi, Mandarin and Korean** - expanding the library's multilingual offering to a total of **15 languages**.

This milestone significantly strengthens the Foundation's international educational outreach, enabling its growing collection of childhood kidney cancer fact sheets, caregiver guides and educational resources to reach a broader global audience.

The expansion complements the recent extension of the Foundation's Global Wilms Tumor WebApp to the same 15 languages, reinforcing a coordinated international strategy to improve access to reliable childhood kidney cancer information through both digital platforms and downloadable educational literature.

Making Childhood Kidney Cancer Education More Accessible

For families facing a childhood cancer diagnosis, access to understandable and reliable information can play an important role in navigating treatment, making informed decisions and supporting a child's care.

However, many families worldwide encounter significant barriers when attempting to obtain childhood cancer information in their own language.

These challenges can be particularly pronounced in low- and middle-income countries, where access to specialist paediatric oncology services and locally appropriate educational materials may already be limited.

The Wilms Cancer Foundation's expanding educational library has been developed to help address these inequalities by providing accessible, practical and medically informed resources covering different stages of the childhood kidney cancer journey.

With educational literature now available in 15 languages, the Foundation is extending the potential reach of its resources to families and healthcare communities across Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.

A Growing Library of Educational Resources

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The Foundation's educational library provides a collection of information materials designed to support parents, caregivers, patients and healthcare professionals.

Resources include educational fact sheets, practical guides and informational literature addressing important aspects of childhood kidney cancer, including:

- Recognising the signs and symptoms of Wilms tumor.
- Understanding diagnosis, staging and treatment pathways.
- Surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
- Nutrition and dietary support during childhood cancer treatment.
- Managing treatment-related challenges and side effects.
- Supporting children and families throughout the treatment journey.
- Understanding survivorship, follow-up care and long-term health considerations.
- Providing accessible information to support family understanding and communication with healthcare teams.

The materials are designed to be practical and understandable, helping families navigate complex medical information while also providing resources that healthcare professionals and patient advocacy organisations can use to support education and awareness activities.

The expansion of the Foundation's multilingual library is intended to facilitate wider distribution of these resources through hospitals, childhood cancer treatment centres, patient organisations and international healthcare networks.

Extending Educational Access Across Four Language Communities

The introduction of four additional languages provides opportunities to strengthen childhood kidney cancer education across several international regions.

- **Cantonese**
  The addition of Cantonese will improve accessibility for Cantonese-speaking families, particularly in Hong Kong, southern China and Chinese diaspora communities internationally.

- **Russian**
  Russian-language resources will support families and healthcare communities across Russian-speaking populations in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and other regions.

- **Japanese**
  Japanese-language educational materials will provide an additional resource for families, caregivers and healthcare professionals seeking childhood kidney cancer information in Japanese.

- **Swahili**
  Swahili-language materials represent an important opportunity to improve the availability of childhood kidney cancer information across East Africa, particularly in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and neighbouring countries where Swahili is widely understood.

Together with the Foundation's existing catalogue of 11 languages, these additions provide a substantially broader multilingual educational resource for childhood kidney cancer.

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The Foundation believes that providing educational resources in locally understood languages can help strengthen family engagement, improve awareness and support communication between families and healthcare professionals.

Supporting the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™

The multilingual expansion forms an integral part of the Foundation's **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, an international programme focused on improving childhood kidney cancer awareness, education, advocacy and access to support.

Through the GWTI, the Foundation is developing resources and collaborative programmes intended to address inequalities in childhood kidney cancer information and care, particularly in regions where educational materials and specialist services may be limited.

The expansion also supports the broader objectives of the World Health Organization's Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC), which aims to improve childhood cancer survival rates and reduce disparities in outcomes worldwide.

By making educational literature more widely available across different languages and regions, the Foundation seeks to contribute to these international objectives while providing practical resources that can be adopted and distributed by local healthcare providers, governments and childhood cancer organisations.

Strengthening Education Through International Collaboration

The Foundation's multilingual educational resources are intended to support international collaboration by providing materials that can be shared with hospitals, healthcare professionals, patient advocacy groups, charitable organisations and other stakeholders working to improve childhood cancer outcomes.

The availability of translated educational literature creates opportunities for local organisations to incorporate these resources into existing patient education programmes, awareness campaigns and family support services.

With resources now offered in 15 languages, the Foundation is better positioned to support organisations operating across multiple countries and linguistic communities, including those working in resource-limited healthcare settings.

This expansion also supports the Foundation's longer-term strategy of working alongside international and regional partners to improve access to childhood kidney cancer information, particularly in underserved communities.

A Commitment to Reaching Families in Their Own Language

Commenting on the expansion, **TJ Hodgkinson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Wilms Cancer Foundation**, said:

"One of the most important things we can do for families facing a childhood cancer diagnosis is to ensure they have access to clear, reliable information in a language they understand.

"Parents should not have to overcome language barriers simply to learn about their child's diagnosis, treatment or the support available to them.

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"With the addition of Cantonese, Russian, Japanese and Swahili, our educational library now offers resources in 15 languages. This represents an important milestone in our commitment to making childhood kidney cancer information accessible to families worldwide.

"This expansion also complements the development of our Global Wilms Tumor WebApp, allowing us to provide consistent educational support through multiple channels.

"Our long-term ambition is to make high-quality childhood kidney cancer information available to families everywhere, while equipping healthcare professionals and partner organisations with resources that can help strengthen education, awareness and support within their own communities."

Building a Global Multilingual Education Network

The Foundation intends to continue expanding its library of translated educational resources as part of its wider international development strategy.

Future priorities include increasing the range of available languages, expanding educational topics, strengthening regional distribution networks and collaborating with international partners to ensure that resources reach the communities where they are most needed.

By combining multilingual educational literature with its digital WebApp and wider international initiatives, the Wilms Cancer Foundation is working towards an integrated global information and support network for childhood kidney cancer.

The Foundation's educational resources are available through its website:

www.WilmsFoundation.org

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The **Wilms Cancer Foundation** is an international childhood kidney cancer organisation dedicated to improving awareness, education, support, research communication and global collaboration for children and families affected by Wilms tumor. Through the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™** and its international programmes, WCF works to expand access to trusted information, strengthen patient and caregiver education, support healthcare professional engagement and address inequalities in childhood kidney cancer outcomes worldwide.

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