



Wilms Cancer Foundation to Participate in the International Kidney Cancer Coalition Annual Conference in Prague

Foundation to Represent the Global Childhood Kidney Cancer Community at Leading International Kidney Cancer Meeting

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DUIVENDRECHT, NETHERLANDS / WASHINGTON, DC, USA – February 19, 2026 – The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** has announced that it will participate in the forthcoming **International Kidney Cancer Coalition (IKCC) Annual Conference** in **Prague, Czech Republic**, joining kidney cancer patient organizations, healthcare leaders, researchers, clinicians, and advocacy groups from around the world to discuss the future of kidney cancer care, patient advocacy, research collaboration, education, and survivorship.

The conference provides an important international forum for member organizations to exchange knowledge, strengthen partnerships, share best practices, and explore opportunities to improve outcomes for people affected by kidney cancer worldwide.

The Foundation's participation follows its recent admission as a member of the International Kidney Cancer Coalition and reflects its ongoing commitment to working alongside leading international organizations to advance the care of children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor**, the most common form of childhood kidney cancer.

Representing the Global Childhood Kidney Cancer Community

The Wilms Cancer Foundation will attend the conference as the **only international patient organization within the International Kidney Cancer Coalition dedicated exclusively to pediatric renal (kidney) cancer**. This unique position provides an opportunity to ensure that the experiences and needs of children diagnosed with Wilms tumor, their families, survivors, and pediatric healthcare professionals are represented alongside the wider international kidney cancer community.

While much of the Coalition's work focuses on adult kidney cancers, particularly renal cell carcinoma (RCC), the Foundation's participation will contribute a specialist pediatric perspective to discussions surrounding patient advocacy, education, survivorship, international collaboration, digital innovation, healthcare policy, and future research priorities.

Supporting the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™

Attendance at the International Kidney Cancer Coalition Annual Conference represents another important milestone in the international expansion of the Foundation's flagship **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**. The Initiative seeks to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor through greater international collaboration, earlier diagnosis, evidence-based education, healthcare professional engagement, family support, research collaboration, and improved access to trusted information.

By participating in major international conferences and working alongside leading organisations across the childhood and adult kidney cancer communities, the Foundation continues to expand its global network of partnerships while helping ensure that pediatric kidney cancer remains an important part of international discussions surrounding renal oncology.

Strengthening International Partnerships

The Foundation intends to use the conference to strengthen relationships with fellow International Kidney Cancer Coalition member organizations while exploring new opportunities for collaboration across patient advocacy, education, research, digital health, survivorship, and public awareness.

The meeting also provides an opportunity to showcase several of the Foundation's flagship international programmes, including:

- **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**
- **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™ (WTKI)**
- **Wilms Tumor WebApp**
- **International educational literature**
- **Healthcare professional education programmes**
- **Multilingual family resources**
- **Global awareness initiatives**

These programmes have been developed to support children, families, healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers while helping reduce inequalities in childhood kidney cancer care around the world.

Building Bridges Across the Kidney Cancer Community

Although pediatric and adult kidney cancers differ significantly in their biology, treatment pathways, and patient populations, they share many common challenges relating to patient advocacy, survivorship, healthcare policy, education, psychosocial support, and equitable access to specialist care.

The Foundation believes that stronger collaboration between pediatric and adult kidney cancer organizations creates valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge, strengthen advocacy, encourage innovation, and improve patient outcomes across the wider kidney cancer community.

Participation in the IKCC Annual Conference reflects this commitment to fostering meaningful international partnerships that benefit patients of all ages.

Quote

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

"We are delighted to attend the forthcoming International Kidney Cancer Coalition Annual Conference in Prague as a member of this important global alliance. As the only international patient organization within IKCC dedicated exclusively to pediatric renal cancer, we have an important opportunity to ensure that the voices of children and families affected by Wilms tumor are represented within the wider international kidney cancer community. The conference provides an outstanding platform to strengthen partnerships, share knowledge, explore new collaborative opportunities, and further advance our Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ as we work together to improve outcomes for children around the world."

Looking Ahead

The International Kidney Cancer Coalition Annual Conference forms part of the Wilms Cancer Foundation's wider programme of international engagement, which includes collaboration with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, support for the **Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**, partnership activities with **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, membership of **Childhood Cancer International (CCI)**, engagement with the **International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)**, and collaboration with healthcare organizations and patient advocacy groups across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

Through these strategic partnerships, the Foundation continues to strengthen its international presence while advancing its mission to improve outcomes for every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor, regardless of where they live.



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, research collaboration, digital innovation, and international partnerships, the Foundation works to improve awareness, support earlier diagnosis, strengthen survivorship, and reduce global inequalities in childhood kidney cancer care.

Its flagship programmes include the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, the **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™ (WTKI)**, and the **Wilms Tumor WebApp**, providing evidence-based educational resources for families, healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers worldwide.

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