Wilms Cancer Foundation Expands Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ to South Korea

New Educational Programme Supports Children, Families and Healthcare Professionals Through Evidence-Based Wilms Tumor Resources

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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA/ WASHINGTON, DC, USA – July 20, 2026 – The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** is pleased to announce the expansion of its flagship **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)** into **South Korea**, marking another important milestone in the Foundation's mission to improve awareness, education, healthcare professional support, and access to trusted information for children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor**, a rare childhood kidney cancer also known as **nephroblastoma**.

The programme represents the Foundation's continued commitment to strengthening international collaboration and ensuring that children, parents, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and researchers have access to reliable, evidence-based educational resources regardless of geographical location.

As part of the initiative, the Foundation has developed and made available a comprehensive suite of educational materials translated into **Korean**, providing families and healthcare professionals with accessible information covering every stage of the Wilms tumor journey—from recognising symptoms and understanding diagnosis through treatment, survivorship, and long-term follow-up care.

Improving Access to Trusted Information

Although treatment outcomes for Wilms tumor have improved significantly over recent decades, families often face challenges accessing comprehensive educational information presented in their own language. The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ aims to address this need by providing accurate, easy-to-understand resources that complement the care delivered by local healthcare teams.

The South Korean programme includes educational materials covering:

- Symptoms and early recognition of Wilms tumor
- Diagnosis and medical investigations
- Tumor staging
- Chemotherapy
- Nephrectomy (kidney removal surgery)
- Radiation therapy
- Relapse
- Long-term effects and survivorship
- Nutrition during treatment
- Family support and practical guidance

These resources have been developed using current evidence and are designed to support both families and healthcare professionals caring for children affected by Wilms tumor.

Supporting Children, Families and Healthcare Professionals

The expansion into South Korea reflects the Foundation's belief that improving outcomes requires more than advances in medicine alone. Access to reliable educational resources, healthcare professional education, and international collaboration all play an important role in supporting children diagnosed with childhood cancer.

The programme has been designed to benefit:

- Children diagnosed with Wilms tumor
- Parents and caregivers
- Childhood cancer survivors
- Pediatric oncologists
- Pediatric surgeons
- Oncology nurses
- Nephrologists
- Allied health professionals
- Medical students
- Researchers
- Patient advocacy organisations

By making high-quality educational resources available in Korean, the Foundation hopes to improve understanding of Wilms tumor while supporting informed decision-making and strengthening communication between families and healthcare professionals.

Supporting Global Childhood Cancer Objectives

The South Korea programme forms part of the Wilms Cancer Foundation's wider **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, which supports the objectives of the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)** by improving awareness, strengthening healthcare education, promoting earlier diagnosis, and supporting equitable access to evidence-based childhood cancer information.

Through international collaboration, the Foundation continues to expand educational programmes that help reduce disparities in childhood cancer knowledge while supporting healthcare professionals and families across diverse healthcare settings.

Building a Truly Global Educational Resource

The launch of the South Korean programme represents another significant step towards creating the world's most comprehensive educational resource dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor. As additional countries and languages are introduced through the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™, the Foundation aims to ensure that evidence-based information is accessible to families and healthcare professionals wherever they live.

Future expansion will continue to focus on developing multilingual educational resources, strengthening healthcare professional education, supporting international partnerships, and increasing access to trusted information throughout regions where childhood cancer services face the greatest challenges.

A Shared Vision for Better Outcomes

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

"Every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor deserves access to high-quality information, regardless of where they live or what language they speak. Expanding the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ into South Korea reflects our commitment to ensuring that families and healthcare professionals have access to trusted educational resources that complement clinical care and support better understanding throughout the treatment journey. We believe

international collaboration and the sharing of knowledge are essential to improving outcomes for children affected by this rare childhood kidney cancer, and we are proud to continue extending the Foundation's global reach through programmes such as this."

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** is an international charitable organisation dedicated to improving awareness, education, advocacy, family support, healthcare professional education, and global collaboration for **Wilms tumor**, the most common form of childhood kidney cancer. Through evidence-based educational resources, international partnerships, and its flagship **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, the Foundation supports children, families, healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers working to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor worldwide.

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