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Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) Announces Sponsorship of the SIOP North America - SLAOP Conference 2026 in San Antonio

Sponsorship Supports the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI), Strengthens International Collaboration, and Advances the Objectives of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – April 23, 2026 — The Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) is proud to announce its sponsorship of the forthcoming **SIOP North America (SIOP NA) - Sociedad Latinoamericana de Oncología Pediátrica (SLAOP) Conference 2026**, an important international pediatric oncology meeting bringing together healthcare professionals, researchers, advocacy organizations, childhood cancer leaders, survivors, and patient representatives from across North America, Latin America, and beyond.

The conference, hosted through a collaboration between SIOP North America and the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Oncología Pediátrica (SLAOP), provides a unique platform for advancing childhood cancer research, strengthening international partnerships, sharing best practices in pediatric oncology, improving access to care, and addressing many of the challenges affecting children diagnosed with cancer worldwide.

The Foundation's sponsorship reflects its ongoing commitment to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor and other childhood cancers through international collaboration, education, advocacy, awareness, and healthcare engagement.

Supporting the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI)

The sponsorship forms an important component of the Wilms Cancer Foundation's flagship international program, the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI)**, which was established to improve awareness, education, support services, advocacy, healthcare professional engagement, and access to trusted information relating to Wilms tumor (nephroblastoma) worldwide.

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI) recognizes that meaningful improvements in childhood cancer outcomes can only be achieved through sustained international collaboration between healthcare professionals, researchers, patient organizations, advocacy groups, governments, and healthcare institutions.

By supporting and participating in the SIOP North America - SLAOP Conference, the Foundation will have the opportunity to further expand the global reach of the initiative, strengthen existing partnerships, establish new collaborative relationships, and engage directly with leading experts working at the forefront of childhood cancer care.

The conference will also provide an important platform to advance several key objectives of the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative, including:

- Expanding international collaboration in Wilms tumor care and research
- Increasing awareness of childhood kidney cancer worldwide
- Strengthening healthcare professional engagement and education
- Improving access to trusted educational resources
- Supporting earlier diagnosis initiatives
- Enhancing survivorship and long-term follow-up awareness
- Promoting patient and family support programs



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- Encouraging global knowledge sharing and best practice exchange

Through these activities, the Foundation aims to help reduce disparities in childhood cancer outcomes and improve the quality of care available to children diagnosed with Wilms tumor regardless of where they live.

Supporting International Collaboration to Improve Childhood Cancer Outcomes

As a global charitable organization dedicated to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor and other pediatric cancers, the Wilms Cancer Foundation recognizes the critical role that international collaboration plays in reducing disparities in childhood cancer care.

Through its sponsorship of the SIOF North America - SLAOP Conference, the Foundation seeks to support the exchange of knowledge and expertise among clinicians, researchers, healthcare institutions, patient advocates, and policymakers working to improve childhood cancer survival rates and quality of life for children diagnosed with cancer.

The conference will address key issues including:

- Early diagnosis of childhood cancer
- Treatment innovations and emerging therapies
- Survivorship and long-term follow-up care
- Healthcare system strengthening
- Access to specialist pediatric oncology services
- Global disparities in childhood cancer care
- Healthcare workforce development
- Strategies for improving childhood cancer outcomes in underserved regions

The Foundation believes that international scientific collaboration and multidisciplinary engagement are essential to advancing childhood cancer care worldwide.

Supporting the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

As an official partner of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Wilms Cancer Foundation works alongside international healthcare organizations, governments, clinicians, researchers, and advocacy groups to support the objectives of the **WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**.

Through its ongoing involvement within the GICC framework, the Foundation provides advice, educational resources, awareness initiatives, advocacy support, and practical assistance aimed at strengthening childhood cancer services and improving outcomes for children affected by cancer worldwide.

This work includes supporting efforts to:

- Promote earlier diagnosis of childhood cancers
- Improve access to treatment information
- Strengthen survivorship and long-term follow-up care
- Enhance healthcare professional education
- Support patient and family-centred care
- Reduce treatment abandonment
- Improve psychosocial support services
- Reduce disparities in childhood cancer outcomes

The Foundation's sponsorship of the SIOF North America - SLAOP Conference reflects its continued commitment to advancing international collaboration and supporting the global childhood cancer community through the WHO CureAll framework and the broader objectives of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer.



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Advancing Awareness of Wilms Tumor and Childhood Kidney Cancer

Wilms tumor, also known as nephroblastoma, is the most common childhood kidney cancer. While survival rates have improved significantly in many high-income countries, substantial disparities in diagnosis, treatment access, survivorship care, and long-term outcomes continue to affect children and families globally.

The Wilms Cancer Foundation remains committed to supporting global awareness, education, advocacy, family support, healthcare engagement, and international collaboration aimed at improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor worldwide.

The Foundation believes that increasing awareness and strengthening international partnerships are essential to ensuring that every child has access to timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and comprehensive support regardless of geographic location.

Building Partnerships for the Future

Representatives of the Wilms Cancer Foundation will attend the conference to engage with pediatric oncology leaders, healthcare organizations, researchers, professional societies, and advocacy groups to explore opportunities for future collaboration in:

- Healthcare professional education
- Global awareness campaigns
- Patient and family support initiatives
- Research collaboration
- Healthcare capacity building
- International advocacy
- Educational resource development
- Global partnership initiatives

These discussions will directly support the continued expansion of the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI) and strengthen the Foundation's growing international network of partners committed to improving outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

The Foundation looks forward to contributing to discussions that will help shape the future of childhood cancer care and further advance global efforts to improve survival rates and quality of life for children and families around the world.

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) is an international charitable organization dedicated to improving outcomes for children affected by Wilms tumor through education, awareness, advocacy, support services, research collaboration, and global partnerships.

As an official partner of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Foundation supports the objectives of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) through ongoing educational, advocacy, and support initiatives designed to improve childhood cancer outcomes worldwide.

The Foundation's flagship **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI)** seeks to strengthen awareness, education, support services, healthcare engagement, and international collaboration to improve the lives of children and families affected by Wilms tumor around the world.



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