



New Announcements on Wilms Tumor Initiatives

## **Wilms Cancer Foundation to Present at SIOP North America / SLAOP Conference and Unveil Major Global Initiatives for Wilms Tumor**

Foundation to Announce the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI), Launch the International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index, Expand AI-Powered Support Services, and Advance New Global Partnerships

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 2026** — The Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF) is pleased to announce that it will be presenting at the forthcoming **SIOP North America (SIOP NA) / Sociedad Latinoamericana de Oncología Pediátrica (SLAOP) Conference**, one of the leading international events dedicated to advancing childhood cancer care, research, collaboration, and innovation throughout North America and Latin America. The presentation will provide delegates with an overview of the current global Wilms tumor landscape, highlighting both the remarkable progress achieved in childhood kidney cancer treatment and the significant challenges that continue to affect children and families worldwide.

In addition to examining current trends in diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, healthcare access, and global disparities in care, the foundation will use the conference platform to unveil a series of major initiatives designed to strengthen international collaboration, improve access to information, support healthcare professionals, and accelerate progress in Wilms tumor awareness, education, advocacy, and patient support. The announcements represent some of the most significant developments in the foundation's history and form part of a broader strategy to establish a truly global ecosystem dedicated to improving outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

### **Addressing the Current Global Wilms Tumor Landscape**

Although Wilms tumor (nephroblastoma) is one of the most treatable childhood cancers when diagnosed early and managed appropriately, significant disparities continue to exist in access to diagnosis, treatment, specialist healthcare services, survivorship care, and family support programs around the world.

The foundation's presentation will explore many of the key issues currently affecting the global Wilms tumor community, including:

- Variations in Wilms tumor survival rates worldwide
- Access to childhood cancer treatment
- Delayed diagnosis and awareness challenges
- Treatment abandonment
- Healthcare inequalities
- Workforce and specialist service shortages
- Survivorship and long-term follow-up care
- Global access to educational resources
- Emerging treatment and research developments
- International collaboration opportunities

The session will provide delegates with a comprehensive overview of both the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of Wilms tumor care globally.



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### Official Launch of the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI)

A key announcement during the presentation will be the formal introduction of the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI)**, the Wilms Cancer Foundation's flagship international program designed to improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor worldwide.

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI) has been developed to address many of the challenges that continue to affect children, families, healthcare professionals, and healthcare systems around the world. The initiative focuses on:

- Global Wilms tumor awareness
- Childhood cancer education
- Healthcare professional engagement
- Family and caregiver support
- International collaboration
- Advocacy and policy engagement
- Access to trusted information
- Early diagnosis initiatives
- Survivorship awareness
- Reducing global disparities in care

The foundation believes the initiative will provide an important framework for collaboration and collective action among organizations committed to improving childhood cancer outcomes.

### Unveiling the International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index

The conference will also mark the unveiling of the **International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index (IWTKI)**, a first-of-its-kind global information platform created exclusively for the Wilms tumor community.

The International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index has been designed to become the world's most comprehensive and authoritative repository of Wilms tumor information, bringing together resources, research, educational materials, and global developments within a single accessible platform.

The index will provide access to:

- Wilms tumor treatment information
- Clinical trials and research studies
- Medical publications and literature
- International treatment guidelines
- Healthcare organizations
- Patient support groups
- Parent and caregiver resources
- Survivorship information
- News and developments
- Conferences and educational events
- Healthcare professionals and experts
- Advocacy initiatives
- Global treatment centres and resources

The foundation believes the International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index will become an invaluable resource for families, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, advocacy organizations, and the wider childhood cancer community.



## Expanding the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Childhood Cancer Support

Another major announcement will focus on the integration of advanced artificial intelligence technologies into the foundation's educational and support infrastructure.

The foundation has been developing AI-powered tools designed to improve access to reliable, evidence-based information relating to:

- Wilms tumor symptoms
- Diagnosis pathways
- Treatment options
- Relapse and recurrence
- Survivorship care
- Long-term effects
- Support services
- Educational resources

The technology has been specifically designed to help provide immediate access to trusted information for parents, caregivers, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, and support organizations. Particular emphasis is being placed on supporting low- and middle-income countries, where access to specialist treatment centres, educational resources, and healthcare expertise may be more limited.

## Building a Global Network of Partnerships and Collaboration

The Wilms Cancer Foundation will also announce a major international collaboration initiative aimed at developing strategic partnerships with healthcare institutions, patient organizations, childhood cancer charities, advocacy groups, research organizations, professional societies, and healthcare professionals around the world.

The initiative seeks to create a coordinated international network focused on:

- Improving awareness of Wilms tumor
- Expanding access to educational resources
- Supporting healthcare professional education
- Strengthening patient support services
- Encouraging research collaboration
- Sharing knowledge and best practices
- Improving access to care
- Supporting global childhood cancer objectives

The foundation believes that meaningful progress can only be achieved through sustained international cooperation and collective action.

## Supporting the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

As an official partner of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Wilms Cancer Foundation actively supports the objectives of the **WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**.

Many of the initiatives being announced at the conference have been developed to support key priorities of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, including:

- Earlier diagnosis



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- Improved treatment access
- Healthcare system strengthening
- Healthcare professional education
- Family support services
- Treatment adherence
- Survivorship care
- Reducing childhood cancer mortality

Through the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI), the International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index, AI-enabled support services, and expanded international partnerships, the foundation seeks to contribute meaningfully to global efforts aimed at improving childhood cancer outcomes and quality of life.

### **Looking Toward the Future**

The forthcoming SIOP North America / SLAOP Conference represents an important opportunity to bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, patient advocates, support organizations, survivors, and families committed to advancing childhood cancer care.

The Wilms Cancer Foundation's presentation will highlight not only the challenges that remain but also the opportunities that exist when organizations work together to improve awareness, education, support, research, advocacy, and access to care.

By launching the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative (GWTI), unveiling the International Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index, expanding AI-powered educational tools, and strengthening international partnerships, the foundation hopes to help create a future where every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor has access to the information, support, treatment, and opportunities they need to survive and thrive.

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