Wilms Cancer Foundation Joins Childhood Cancer International, Strengthening the Global Voice for Children with Wilms Tumor

Membership of the world's largest childhood cancer patient support network marks another important milestone in the international expansion of the Foundation's Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™

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WASHINGTON, DC – October 14, 2022 – The **Wilms Cancer Foundation (WCF)** is proud to announce that it has become a member of **Childhood Cancer International (CCI)**, the world's largest network of childhood cancer parent organizations, survivor groups, and patient support organizations. The Foundation's membership represents another significant milestone in its commitment to strengthening international collaboration and improving outcomes for children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor**, the most common form of childhood kidney cancer.

Childhood Cancer International unites hundreds of member organizations across the globe, working together to improve the lives of children with cancer and their families through advocacy, education, awareness, psychosocial support, survivorship, health equity, and international collaboration. By joining this respected global network, the Wilms Cancer Foundation expands its ability to collaborate with fellow childhood cancer organizations while contributing its specialist expertise in **pediatric renal (kidney) cancer**.

The Foundation's membership forms an important part of the continued international expansion of its flagship **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, a long-term programme designed to improve awareness, promote earlier diagnosis, strengthen education, support healthcare professionals, empower families, and reduce inequalities in care for children affected by Wilms tumor around the world.

Supporting the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™

The Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ serves as the Foundation's international strategy for improving outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor through collaboration with leading healthcare organisations, patient advocacy groups, clinicians, researchers, governments, and international institutions.

Membership of Childhood Cancer International strengthens this vision by creating new opportunities to work alongside organisations dedicated to improving childhood cancer care worldwide. It enables greater collaboration in areas including family support, healthcare professional education, patient advocacy, survivorship, digital innovation, awareness campaigns, and the development of evidence-based educational resources.

The Foundation believes that tackling rare childhood cancers such as Wilms tumor requires strong international partnerships capable of sharing knowledge, encouraging innovation, supporting families, and helping ensure that children have access to trusted information and high-quality care regardless of where they live.

Strengthening International Collaboration

Joining Childhood Cancer International complements the Foundation's broader programme of international engagement aimed at building a global network of organisations committed to improving outcomes for children with Wilms tumor.

Over recent years, the Wilms Cancer Foundation has continued to strengthen relationships with leading international organisations working across childhood cancer, global health, education, research, and patient advocacy. These include collaboration with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** in support of the **Global**

Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC), collaborative work with **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, engagement with the **International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)**, membership of the **International Kidney Cancer Coalition (IKCC)**, and partnerships with organisations such as **MAHAK** in Iran.

Together, these relationships help create a stronger international ecosystem dedicated to improving awareness, supporting earlier diagnosis, expanding access to educational resources, promoting international collaboration, and improving long-term outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

Supporting Children and Families Worldwide

Although Wilms tumor is considered a rare childhood cancer, thousands of children are diagnosed each year across every region of the world. Families frequently face significant challenges navigating diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, long-term follow-up care, emotional wellbeing, and access to reliable information.

Through its membership of Childhood Cancer International, the Wilms Cancer Foundation will continue working alongside fellow member organisations to strengthen support for children and families by:

- Improving access to trusted educational resources.
- Supporting international awareness initiatives.
- Encouraging earlier diagnosis through education.
- Sharing knowledge and best practice.
- Promoting survivorship and long-term care.
- Supporting global advocacy for children with cancer.

These activities directly support the objectives of the Foundation's Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ while contributing to wider international efforts to improve childhood cancer care.

Advancing Education and Knowledge

Education remains one of the Foundation's principal priorities.

Alongside its international partnerships, the Foundation continues to expand its portfolio of educational resources through initiatives including the **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™**, the **Wilms Tumor WebApp**, multilingual educational literature, healthcare professional resources, caregiver guides, and digital learning platforms designed to support families, clinicians, researchers, students, and policymakers.

By working alongside Childhood Cancer International and its member organisations, the Foundation hopes to broaden the reach of these resources while learning from the experiences and expertise of childhood cancer organisations around the world.

Building a Stronger Global Childhood Cancer Community

The Foundation believes that meaningful progress against childhood cancer can only be achieved through international collaboration.

While each organisation brings its own specialist expertise, shared values—including improving patient outcomes, supporting families, promoting equitable healthcare, advancing education, encouraging research, and strengthening advocacy - create opportunities for partnerships that benefit children worldwide.

Membership of Childhood Cancer International reflects the Foundation's commitment to contributing actively to this global community while continuing to advocate specifically for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor and other rare pediatric renal cancers.

Quote:

TJ Hodgkinson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Wilms Cancer Foundation, said:
"Joining Childhood Cancer International represents another important milestone in the continued international expansion of our Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™. Childhood Cancer International has played an important role in bringing together organisations from around the world that share a common commitment to improving the lives of children with cancer and their families.

As an organisation dedicated exclusively to Wilms tumor and childhood kidney cancer, we are proud to contribute our specialist knowledge while learning from the experiences of fellow members across the global childhood cancer community. Through collaboration, education, advocacy, research, and innovation, we can achieve far more together than any organisation can accomplish alone.

We look forward to working alongside Childhood Cancer International and its member organisations as we continue building a future where every child diagnosed with Wilms tumor has access to trusted information, high-quality care, international expertise, and the support their family needs—regardless of where they live."

Looking Ahead

The Wilms Cancer Foundation will continue expanding its international programme through the Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™, strengthening collaboration with organisations, healthcare professionals, researchers, governments, and patient advocacy groups committed to improving childhood cancer outcomes worldwide. Future priorities include expanding multilingual educational resources, increasing international awareness initiatives, supporting healthcare professionals through evidence-based education, developing new digital tools including the Wilms Tumor WebApp™, strengthening the Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™, participating in international conferences, and continuing to build partnerships that improve outcomes for children diagnosed with Wilms tumor.

About the Wilms Cancer Foundation

The **Wilms Cancer Foundation** is an international nonprofit organisation dedicated exclusively to improving outcomes for children diagnosed with **Wilms tumor**, the most common childhood kidney cancer. Through education, advocacy, family support, healthcare professional engagement, digital innovation, research collaboration, and international partnerships, the Foundation works to improve awareness, encourage earlier diagnosis, strengthen survivorship, and reduce inequalities in childhood kidney cancer care worldwide.
Its flagship programmes include the **Global Wilms Tumor Initiative™ (GWTI)**, the **Wilms Tumor Knowledge Index™ (WTKI)**, and the **Wilms Tumor WebApp™**, providing evidence-based resources for children, families, healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers across the world.

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