

National Center for Health Research Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund

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Measurable and Meaningful
Difference in 2015-2016
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***Designated as one of America's Best Charities by Independent Charities of America,
98 cents of every dollar will pay for programs, much higher than most charities!***

What We Do



▶ We are stopping laws that would result in unaffordable and ineffective medications for serious diseases.



▶ We successfully fought big oil companies so that we could protect 60 million families from birth defects, obesity, and cancer caused by BPA and phthalates – chemicals that are no longer allowed in children's toys, baby bottles, infant formula, and water bottles.



▶ We provide free help to tens of thousands of patients and their families through our hotline, websites, and personalized assistance.



▶ We are featured in the *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg News*, *Chicago Tribune*, and on *Fox News*, *NBC*, *NPR*, *CNN*, *ABC*, and *CBS* on medical breakthroughs and correcting medical misinformation. This helps us inform millions of Americans about important issues that affect their lives.



▶ We're here for you. We're here in person, in a real office with experts on staff who can help you, and we also provide help on the phone, on our website, and through email. Contact us at info@center4research.org.

How We Help

"My sister's cancer was spread as a result of surgery that used a dangerous medical device called a power morcellator. I found out that it was not tested to make sure it was safe and effective. How could that be true? Shouldn't all medical products be proven safe and effective before they can be sold? How can patients get accurate information about the treatments they are considering?"

"My daughter died from a prescription medication that was known to have very serious risks. Even when she became ill, her doctors didn't tell her that stopping her prescription could save her life. I reached out to Congress but got nowhere. What can we do to get this deadly product off the market?"

"My father has Alzheimer's disease. There is no cure yet, but I heard that a new law would mean a cure in the next few years. Is that true? I was planning to ask my Congressmen to support it."

These are the kinds of heartbreaking requests we get through our hotline. We assist each person individually, helping them to choose the best treatment, to help other families, or to notify opinion leaders and the media about harmful medical products.

Well-known self-help author Harriet Lerner said it best:

"The National Center for Health Research was like a life preserver that I could grab on to. It's a nonprofit that wasn't selling me anything and that presented objective facts and up-to-date research without pressuring me to do one thing or another. The written materials were easy to read and understand—and free!

"I also had the chance to talk to a great person on the phone (also free) who didn't overload the circuits by giving me too much information. She was obviously up on the latest research findings, and I learned new facts that were pivotal in my decision making.

*"Thanks to your **Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund**, I'm doing great! I'm so grateful."*

We can't be bought.

We accept NO funding from drug companies or other sources that could influence our work or compromise our integrity.

Gifts can be made easily online, in the mail, or give us a call and we can assist you over the phone.

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Help us make a measurable difference!

Your donation makes a difference by ensuring that we're here for you and your loved ones. Donations pay for essential services, not huge CEO salaries.



Supports our online health hotline for 5 patients

\$65



Helps 100 patients by providing free medical information

\$260



Helps us fight for laws to reduce the cost of urgently needed medications

\$1,000



Supports internships or fellowships in your name or the name of a loved one

\$2,500

We have a small staff and our budget is a small fraction of many charities'. How do we accomplish so much?

- **Our exceptional staff provide free help to millions of patients and consumers.** Our assistance is always free, on our websites (www.stopcancerfund.org and www.center4research.org) and in our personalized responses to people contacting us daily on our online health hotlines (info@stopcancerfund.org and info@center4research.org).
- **We train thousands of health professionals** through free courses and training. We don't accept money from companies making medical products—that's why we are such an important source of objective information for doctors and nurses.
- **We educate** current and future leaders on complicated medical issues. We work with nationally respected researchers to explain their research findings to those who need them most – patients, family members, policy makers, and health professionals. And our internships and fellowships train tomorrow's leaders.
- **We leverage our power** to strengthen the voices of patients and consumers. We testify and provide expert advice to the FDA, EPA, CDC, the U.S. Congress, and state and city governments. We are a leader in the Patient, Consumer, and Public Health Coalition, which represents more than 7 million people who want to urge policy makers to improve the safety and effectiveness of medical products.
- **We're in the news**, interviewed on all major media, reaching opinion leaders and Americans in all walks of life. Reporters contact us regularly, asking us to explain the latest research on medical issues that affect all our lives. This enables us to reach most Americans, so they can keep their loved ones healthy.

A few of our goals :

- ◆ **Prevent pharmaceutical companies from charging outrageous prices to U.S. patients!** Why should Americans pay more than any other country for exactly the same medications for cancer, heart disease, or any other treatments?
- ◆ **Improve the health of 25 million patients** by requiring that all implants used for hips, knees, spines, hearts, or anywhere in your body be scientifically studied in people before they are sold to people. That's not true today.
- ◆ **Ensure that medications taken by people over 55 are tested on people over 55.** Most medications are tested on younger patients, who metabolize drugs differently. Testing patients over 55 will improve treatments for more than 70 million Americans.
- ◆ **Improve cancer treatments.** The latest research shows that too many Americans are spending their life savings on cancer treatments that do not help them live longer or improve their quality of life. Many cancer treatments seemed promising in preliminary research but were found to not be effective when better studies were conducted. We are making sure that patients and physicians have that crucial information.

Help us achieve our goals

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