

National Center for Health Research Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund

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Difference in 2018-2019
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99 cents of every dollar will pay for programs, much higher than most charities!***

What We Do



- ▶ We are fighting laws that would result in unaffordable and ineffective healthcare for millions of Americans.



- ▶ We protect 82 million families by fighting big oil and chemical companies, resulting in removal of cancer-causing BPA, phthalates, and other chemicals from mattresses, children's toys, baby bottles, computers, artificial turf, and playgrounds.



- ▶ We provide free help to tens of thousands of individual patients and their families through our hotline 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 helping correct 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 father has metastatic colon cancer. The doctors have tried everything and nothing has worked. There is an experimental treatment that he could try, but nobody knows if it will work and the doctor warns that it could kill him. I want to do something! Can you help me figure out what the evidence is?"

"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 the treatment could save her life. What can we do to prevent this from happening to other patients?"

"My brother has mild Alzheimer's disease. I see you've done research on it – what's the best treatment? Will doing the crossword puzzles delay the symptoms?!"

These are the kind 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 you, 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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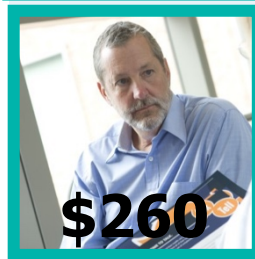
Help us make a measurable difference!

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 hotline (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, VA, 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 ensure the safety and effectiveness of medical treatments for all Americans.
- **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:

- **Make prescription drugs affordable and make sure there is clear evidence of safety and effectiveness!** Why should Americans pay more than any other country for exactly the same medications?
- **Protect our nation's 74 million children by removing carcinogens and other dangerous chemicals and metals from children's playgrounds and athletic fields.** Require playgrounds to be proven safe based on objective scientific studies!
- **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 are not more effective for them than less expensive FDA-approved treatments. Recent studies indicate that immunotherapy helps shrink tumors for fewer than 8% of cancer patients. The studies did not evaluate whether any patients live longer. We are making sure that patients and physicians have that crucial information.

Help us achieve our goals

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