

National Center for Health Research

Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund

26 Years of Making a **Measurable** and **Meaningful** Difference!

CFC #11967



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



► For 26 years, we've fought to improve the safety and effectiveness of treatments for cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and other diseases. Too many Americans spend their life savings on treatments that are not proven to work.



► We protect our nation's 74 million children and their families by fighting big oil and chemical companies to remove cancer-causing PFAS, phthalates, and other chemicals from toys as well as carpeting, artificial turf, and playgrounds.



► We provide essential health information to millions of health professionals, opinion leaders, and Americans from all walks of life when we are quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Politico*, *AP*, *NPR*, *ESPN*, etc., on medical breakthroughs and policies that affect your life every day.



► We're here for you. We're here in person, in a real office, with experts on staff who can help you. We're available to help on the phone, on email, or with information on our websites. Contact us at info@center4research.org or info@stopcancerfund.org.

How We Help One-on-One

Unlike most charities, we provide free help to tens of thousands of individuals and their families through our health helpline and personalized assistance. Here are just a few examples of requests we receive:

"I was recently diagnosed with early breast cancer and I need advice. I am a relatively healthy 60 year old, so I've agreed to surgery and a hormonal treatment but do I also need radiation therapy? I read on your website that radiation prevents the cancer from coming back after surgery but isn't proven to help me live longer. Of course, I don't want the cancer to come back, but at my age the main goal is living longer. I asked my physician and she said it's up to me. What do I make of that?"

"Our community was planning to replace all our grass playing fields with artificial turf, despite the dangerous PFAS chemicals and microplastics that our children would be exposed to. We asked for your help, not knowing what to expect. Your letters to our mayor and Board of Education members really made a difference! Thanks so much for being an unbiased voice of reason!"

We were especially proud when well known self-help author Harriet Lerner told us: "You shared the latest breast cancer research and findings, which 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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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.center4research.org and www.stopcancerfund.org), and in our personal responses to people contacting our online health helplines (info@center4research.org and info@stopcancerfund.org).
- **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 local 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 and consumer products for all Americans.
- **We're in the news**, interviewed on all major media, reaching opinion leaders and Americans from all walks of life. Reporters contact us every week, asking us to explain the latest research on medical issues that affect all our lives. This enables us to reach millions of Americans, so they can keep their loved ones healthy.
- **We train thousands of health professionals, researchers, journalists, and patient advocates** through webinars and formal or informal training. We don't accept money from companies making medical products—that's why we are such an important source of objective information for everyone.

Help us make a measurable difference!

Your donation of any size makes a difference. Here are a few examples of how your donation pays for direct services. It will never be used for fancy galas or huge CEO salaries.

How your support helps us:



★ Circle of Friends, \$125

Help 5 patients who seek our advice on our helpline for cancer treatment or other medical or public health issues



★ Leadership Circle, \$275

We provide free medical or public health information to a nonprofit organization or to a community



★ President's Circle, \$1,000

Support any of the above activities or help us fight for laws to improve the quality and reduce the cost of medical care in the U.S.



★ Legacy Donor, \$5,000+

Support any of the above activities or internships in your name or the name of a loved one

Our focus for the year ahead:

- **Help explain the risks and benefits of specific vaccines!** The purpose of vaccines is to prevent serious illness. Whether deciding on vaccines for yourself or your family members, you deserve to know exactly what is known and what isn't known about the risks and benefits. If a vaccine can potentially cause harm to some children or adults, do the benefits outweigh the risks for you? The health of our children and our communities depends on knowing the facts, and sometimes the facts are surprising. For example, did you know that the shingles vaccine not only helps prevent the painful disease known as shingles, it also helps prevent "mild cognitive impairment", Alzheimer's disease, and other dementias?
- **Ensure that medications taken by people over 55 are tested on people over 55.** Most medications are tested on younger patients, who metabolize drugs more quickly. Testing medications on patients over 55 (and over 65) will help make sure that dangerous levels don't accumulate in their bodies, improving the health of more than 70 million Americans and will help ensure that Medicare is available for generations to come.
- **Improve treatments for cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and all serious diseases.** The latest research shows that many expensive new medications are not as effective as older medications that cost much less. And yet, industry pressure continues to convince Congress that making new treatments available as soon as possible is more important than making sure the new treatment is a better treatment! We've been in this fight for a long time, and we are not giving up!

Help us achieve our goals this year

by donating online at www.center4research.org/get-involved/contribute/ or www.stopcancerfund.org/contribute/, in the mail, or through CFC #11967.