

International Childhood Cancer Day 2013

IARC supports the campaign to raise worldwide public awareness of childhood cancer by observing International Childhood Cancer Day on 15 February. In particular, incidence, mortality, and survival data for childhood cancer produced at IARC in collaboration with population-based cancer registries around the world provide an indispensable resource for researchers and public health policy-makers.

IARC researchers are involved in many different projects related to childhood cancer, which are highlighted here in observance of International Childhood Cancer Day 2013.

IARC is nearing completion of the third volume of *International Incidence of Childhood Cancer*, which will provide comparable data on cancer incidence in children and adolescents (aged 0-19 years) from about 200 areas covered by cancer registries around the world. <http://iicc.iarc.fr/>

In a collaborative project with IARC, the Automated Childhood Cancer Information System (ACCIS) is preparing a second round of comparative analyses of cancer incidence and survival in children and adolescents in Europe. <http://accis.iarc.fr/>

In the framework of the European Network for Cancer Research in Children and Adolescents (ENCCA), IARC scientists are examining the feasibility of collecting detailed clinically relevant information through population-based cancer registries. <http://www.encca.eu/>

IARC is one of 16 partner institutions in the PanCareSurFup (PanCare Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Survivor Care and Follow-Up Studies) project, which provides an opportunity to study the late effects of treatment for cancer in childhood and adolescence among long-term survivors, in collaboration with European cancer registries. <http://www.pancaresurfup.eu/>

IARC contributes its expertise in cancer registration to the My Child Matters programme, which is designed to reduce inequities in childhood cancer survival in low- and middle-income countries. <http://www.uicc.org/programmes/chica/my-child-matters-initiative>, http://www.fondation-sanofi-espoir.com/en/ngo_child-matters.php

International Childhood Cancer Day was initiated by the International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations (ICCCPO) in 2002. It is supported by the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) and its European sister organization (SIOPE), the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), and many other organizations. <http://icccpo.org/index.cfm>, <http://www.siop-online.org/>, <http://www.siope.eu/>