

COME TOGETHER FOR A CURE

We will defeat stomach cancer

GASTRIC CANCER
FOUNDATION

COME TOGETHER NOW

For a cure.

Friends,

Thank you for standing strong with us during the challenges of the past year and a half. With your support, the Gastric Cancer Foundation made significant strides in our mission to create hope and fuel progress to defeat stomach cancer. We went beyond simply maintaining our established programs and services; we hit the accelerator and expanded our impact.

Gastric (stomach) cancer continues to take a terrible human toll. One million new cases will again be diagnosed this year, and 800,000 people will be lost to the disease. The Gastric Cancer Foundation drives targeted research initiatives to find better treatments and, ultimately, a cure. For patients and families who are impacted by the disease, we offer information and supportive resources to make the journey less confusing and lonely.

We are appealing to you today to support our 2021 fundraising campaign so we can continue our crucial work. While we yearn for in-person events in the coming months, we cannot delay the search for a cure. Your generous support now will honor the memories of those we have lost and create much-needed hope for those who are bravely facing the disease today.

Please take this opportunity to **COME TOGETHER FOR A CURE**. Visit gastriccancer.org/cometogether to make your donation.

With thanks and best wishes,



Paul Gottsegen
Board Chair



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FUELING PROGRESS IN THE SEARCH FOR A CURE

Over \$3 million granted to expand and accelerate research

Gastric Cancer Registry

Providing a powerful tool for researchers around the globe

The Foundation launched the first HIPAA-compliant registry in 2011 to create a bridge between patients and the researchers who are seeking greater understanding and more effective methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Tumor and saliva samples undergo whole genome sequencing and sophisticated analyses. The new Genome Explorer web portal – a comprehensive database of clinical and genomic information about gastric cancer – is available (free of charge) to researchers around the globe.

Research Scholar Awards

Keeping brilliant scientists focused on stomach cancer

Scarce funding for gastric cancer research discourages early-career investigators from focusing on this cancer type. The Research Scholar Award created in partnership with the American Gastroenterological Association provides outstanding scholars with three-year grants of \$100,000 per year to launch gastric cancer studies and build portfolios of work that make them competitive in seeking larger grants.



Early-Stage Research Grants

Seed funding for projects with the potential to bring new treatments to patients

The Foundation places special focus on seed grants that enable researchers to generate sufficient preliminary data to submit compelling and competitive applications for larger grants. This type of funding is often the most difficult for researchers to obtain. The Foundation funds projects at centers of research excellence across the country.

Published Research

Sharing discoveries through published papers

More than a dozen papers reporting findings from Foundation-funded research studies have been accepted and published in acclaimed journals. The growing library of published papers is available at gastriccancer.org.

Stomach cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, but it receives less than one-half of one percent (0.4%) of US federal cancer research funding.

Learn more at gastriccancer.org

HELP FOR PATIENTS & FAMILIES

No one has to face this diagnosis alone.

Caring Community

Our safe and secure online community exists exclusively for patients and caregivers. The active forum allows participants to ask questions, exchange information, share experiences and provide understanding support to one another.

Nutrition Series

The “Gesundheit Kitchen” video series features recipes and tips from gastric cancer survivor Hans Rueffert, known as the “Chef Without A Stomach.” With wit and optimism, Hans provides a valued voice of experience. Along with a registered dietitian, he helps families face the challenges of eating without a stomach. Episodes are available on gastriccancer.org.

Clinical Trials Navigator

Participation in clinical trials can offer additional options to patients while helping doctors learn more about gastric cancer and how to prevent or treat it. But it can be overwhelming to understand all the studies and how they might match with your condition. Through our free no-obligation matching service, skilled navigators help patients learn about appropriate trials and prepare them to discuss possibilities with their medical care team.

gastriccancer.org

The Foundation website is a central resource for newly diagnosed patients and their caregivers who turn to us for authoritative information on the disease and how to live with the after effects of surgery and treatment.

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