

YOU CAN HELP US TO ACCELERATE RESEARCH INTO RARE CANCERS



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What is RareCan?

RareCan offers a way for people affected by rare cancers to register their interest in taking part in research projects. Membership is completely free.

RareCan members are matched with research groups (our clients) who have projects they would like to undertake. Members are always contacted so that they know what will be involved before making a decision.

Our clients include groups working in Universities and commercial companies. The research they undertake may involve clinical trials or studies of samples taken during the routine care of our patient members.

RareCan is run by people who really understand the issues. Our founders have been personally affected by rare cancers and have decades of experience in cancer science.



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- Become a member
- Accelerate research

- Take control of your data
- Make rare cancers curable



What is the problem?

There is not enough research into rare cancers simply because researchers do not have easy access to patients. They are by definition rare and this makes it difficult to find patients in the first place and to gather them in large enough numbers to perform meaningful studies.

This makes researching rarer cancers more difficult and, therefore, less attractive to researchers from the start.

How will we solve it?

Rarecan addresses this directly - we are building a community of people affected by rare cancers so that scientists have quick and easy access to the data they need to discover new treatments.

As a patient member of RareCan, you will have full control of your data and be able to decide who sees it and whether or not you want to be part of a trial or study.



Why are rare cancers different to common ones?

The majority of cancer research is carried out on the four most common types of cancer (breast, prostate, colon and lung). Although much still needs to be done to improve the way that these cancers are diagnosed and treated, far less is known about the rarer forms of cancer. This means that it is difficult for doctors to give the best advice and prescribe the best forms of treatment to people affected by them.

Why is it so difficult to conduct research on rare cancers?

For research to be reliable, it needs to be carried out on enough people to ensure that observations aren't occurring purely by chance.

Finding enough people with a certain type of cancer who are willing to take part in research is relatively easy for the common cancers, but for rare cancers it is much more difficult.