
Cancer Research UK



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Cancer Research UK is the world's largest independent funder of cancer research and the only charity funding research into more than 200 types of cancer.

Cancer Research UK is pioneering research to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. Through scientific research and policy influencing the charity has helped double cancer survival in the last 40 years and improve cancer outcomes.

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About Cancer Research UK

The charity funds research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancers as well as raising awareness of the disease and influencing public policy.

One of Cancer Research UK's international ambitions is to reduce tobacco consumption through effective implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer, with the burden of disease increasingly falling in low and middle-income countries.

Through the International Tobacco Control Programme (ITCP) the charity is working to reduce the huge burden of tobacco related mortality in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) by funding research and working with partners to influence effective, evidence-based policy interventions at national and international levels.

Cancer Research UK's work on prevention and tobacco control

Around four in 10 cancers could be prevented through lifestyle changes like not smoking and keeping a healthy weight so the charity also works to raise awareness of this and calls on the UK Government to do more to help people by making a healthy choice the easy choice.

Cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide and accounted for 8.9 million deaths in 2016. 69% of all cancer deaths occur in LMICs. Tobacco is one of the leading risk factors. Annually tobacco-related diseases account for over 7 million lives lost worldwide claiming more lives than more than AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined.

Cancer Research UK's ITCP funds research in LMICs that will provide the evidence base for implementation of the most effective tobacco control policy measures, building the capacity of tobacco control researchers and supporting international policy advocacy to increase political will and awareness of this evidence base. Cancer Research UK works collaboratively with international funders to fund excellent economic research and advocacy projects which will help to reduce tobacco related morbidity and mortality in LMICs.

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