CANCER IN YOUNG PEOPLE IS RARE, BUT IT IS STILL A MAJOR HEALTH ISSUE IN EUROPE

SIOPE (THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY) has established a European Cancer Plan for Children and Adolescents to tackle this problem, together with several stakeholders from the paediatric haematology-oncology community. This Strategic Plan identifies a number of key areas where joint efforts are needed in order to improve the lives of childhood cancer patients and survivors, and it will be implemented in partnership with parent, patient and survivor advocates from the European Regional Committee of Childhood Cancer International (CCI).

1 out of 300 newborns will develop cancer before turning 20

Around 20 children and adolescents die of cancer every day (more than 6,000 each year)

Today there are approximately 300,000 European survivors of childhood cancer. By 2020, there will be nearly half a million

35,000 new cases of cancer in young people every year

More than 60 cancers occur from birth to adolescence different from those occurring in adults

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Most frequent cancers affecting young people: leukaemia, brain tumours, lymphoma and neuroblastoma

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OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE CURE RATE AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SURVIVORS
TARGET OBJECTIVES

SAFE EFFECTIVE
INNOVATIVE
TREATMENTS

PRECISION CANCER
MEDICINE TO HELP GUIDE
THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS

UNDERSTAND THE
CAUSES OF PAEDIATRIC
CANCERS AND
SET UP PREVENTION
WHEREVER POSSIBLE

KEY AREAS FOR SUCCESS:

• Better coordination and sustainability of research
• Commitment from all funding bodies and effective European regulations
• Raise the EU and global profile of paediatric haematology-oncology
• Strengthened partnerships with patients, parents and survivors advocates – SIOPE has strengthened its collaboration with them by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Regional Committee of Childhood Cancer International (CCI) – as well as adult oncology, stakeholders from other continents and industry
• Better communication and dissemination of information

IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF
TUMOUR BIOLOGY AND
FASTER TRANSLATION
INTO NEW TREATMENTS

IMPROVE QUALITY OF
LIFE FOR SURVIVORS
OF CHILDHOOD
CANCERS

ADDRESS THE
SPECIFIC NEEDS OF
TEENAGERS
AND YOUNG ADULTS

EQUAL ACCESS
ACROSS EUROPE TO
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