

HELP OUR RESEARCHERS FIND A CURE

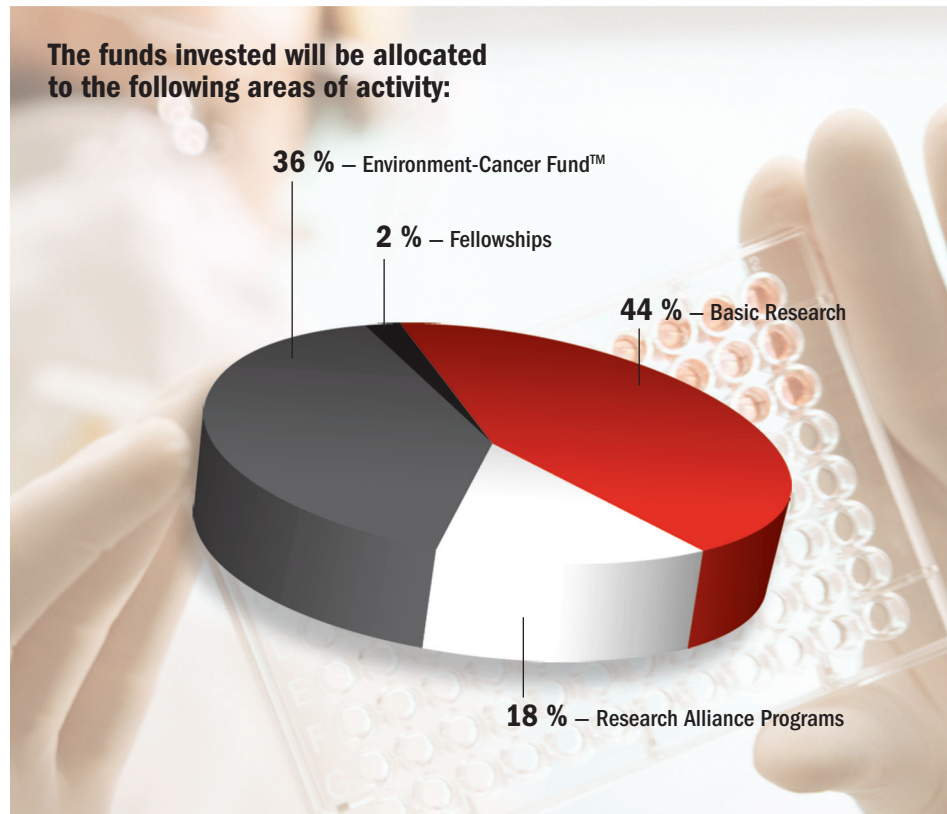
The recent history of the Cancer Research Society's funding of research

Since 1994, the Cancer Research Society has allocated over **90 million dollars** to more than **800 cancer research projects** across Canada. Of that amount, close to **35 million dollars** were distributed over the past 5 years.

Where do your donations go?

In 2011-2012, thanks to the generous donors who support its mission, the Cancer Research Society awarded more than **10 million dollars** in grants to scientists across Canada.

The research projects selected were those most likely to help advance cancer research for all types of cancer. These projects will help in understanding the processes leading to cancer, as well as the means of preventing, controlling, and curing its over 200 different forms.



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For 65 years, the Cancer Research Society has worked tirelessly toward one goal and one hope: defeating cancer.

Our mission: To fund research on all types of cancer

Founded in 1945, the Cancer Research Society is a national not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is to fund cancer research exclusively and to offer seed money for the most promising original ideas, projects and researchers across Canada.

Our research portfolio

From basic cancer research...

Since its creation, the Cancer Research Society has supported basic research. This type of research, which is fuelled by researchers' curiosity and creativity, explores the unknown in the pursuit of new discoveries.

Basic cancer research is carried out in the laboratory and is essential to:

- understanding the causes and development of the disease;
- preventing cancer spreading;
- improving the treatment and quality of life of those affected;
- preventing the disease.

...to research aimed at discovering the influence of the environment on the risk of developing cancer.

For more than two decades, the Cancer Research Society has been funding projects in environment-cancer.

In October 2006, concerned by the shortage of research funding in the areas of preventing and identifying the causes of cancer, and anxious to expand its investment portfolio in cancer research, the Cancer Research Society broke new ground with the creation of the Environment-Cancer Fund™. This fund is dedicated to compiling a large body of scientific evidence to demonstrate the impact of environmental factors - including living and occupational environments and lifestyles - on the risk of developing cancer or slowing the disease's progression. The Environment-Cancer Fund™ also promotes a partnership approach between businesses, non-profit organizations and governments in support of scientific knowledge.

In 2010, the Cancer Research Society is launching the Environment-Cancer Fund™'s second large-scale project: GRePEC, the Research and Prevention Group on Environment-Cancer.





Andy Chabot, Executive Director of the Cancer Research Society

“The Cancer Research Society is actively engaged in the pursuit of its primary mission - funding research - because only through research can we hope for a better understanding of cancer’s causes and identify lasting solutions. I am also convinced that through the united efforts of our volunteers, sponsors and partners, we will attain these objectives.”

| PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER |

Our goal:

To continue to fund the best projects and researchers in Canada

The Cancer Research Society has established a rigorous selection process that is carried out by its committees of experts to award its grants to the best researchers and most innovative research projects across Canada. To make its selection, the Cancer Research Society can count on the voluntary efforts of numerous scientists recognized in the research areas being funded.

Sharing our expertise to help advance research

In 2008-2009 and 2011-2012, the Cancer Research Society’s expertise was used to help manage the evaluation process for the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation’s strategic grant requests. This was a successful partnership in support of the advancement of research, between two organizations dedicated to the fight against cancer!

Outline of our grants

2011-2012 research grants provided by the Cancer Research Society

- In all, 47 new grants and fellowships were awarded.
- The Cancer Research Society has granted more than 10 million dollars to fund 110 research projects.

Specific initiatives

Pancreatic cancer:

The Rob Lutterman Memorial Fund for the Cancer Research Society was created to promote and fund research on pancreatic cancer. In 2010, the Cancer Research Society launched the second grant competition financed by this fund.

Neuroendocrine tumours:

The Cancer Research Society has joined the Carcinoid NeuroEndocrine Tumour Society Canada in order to fund a research project on neuroendocrine tumours, a rare form of cancer that does not receive much funding. A first grant was awarded in 2010 and a second in 2011.

Lung cancer:

The Marjolaine-Bazinet Fund for the Cancer Research Society was created to promote and fund research on lung cancer. In 2011, the Cancer Research Society launched the first grant competition financed by this fund.

Environment-Cancer:

In October 2006, the Cancer Research Society created the Environment-Cancer Fund™. The GRePEC, the Research and Prevention Group on Environment-Cancer, is the second large-scale project of this fund and promotes the collaboration of many researchers. In collaboration with the *ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation* and the *Fonds de recherche en santé du Québec*, the Cancer Research Society awarded in 2010 and 2011 two GRePEC grants to accumulate scientific evidence on the elements of our environment that contribute or interfere with cancer tumour progression.

Research:

A source of hope for those suffering with cancer

Cancer in brief...

- Cancer is the leading cause of mortality in Canada, according to recent Statistics Canada normalized data.
- About 177,800 new cancer cases and 75,000 deaths from cancer are expected in Canada in 2011.
- More than 470 new cancer cases are diagnosed each day in Canada.
- Based on current incidence rates, 1 in 2.5 Canadian women and 1 in 2.2 Canadian men will develop cancer during their lifetime, an average of 1 out of 2 Canadians.

- Cancer risk increases with age. In fact, 88 % of new diagnosis and 95 % of deaths will affect Canadians over the age of 50.
- Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death for men and women, followed by colorectal cancer.
- Although prostate cancer is the most diagnosed type of cancer in men, it represents the third cause of death. Cancer death incidences in men are due firstly and secondly to lung and colorectal cancer, respectively. For women, lung cancer is the leading cause of death followed by breast and colorectal cancer.

There is hope, thanks to research...

- Notable declines in mortality, for all cancers combined, have occurred in both sexes and in most age groups despite an increase in deaths for certain types of cancer, suggesting a better survival rate for other types of cancer.
- Excluding lung cancer, cancer mortality rates have dropped by nearly 20 % in females since the 1980s.
- The mortality rate of breast cancer patients has reached the lowest levels ever recorded since 1950.
- More than 80 % of children with cancer aged 0-14 survive cancer, thanks to new treatments. More studies on the effects of these treatments on the long-term health of these patients are necessary.

Source: Canadian Cancer Statistics 2011

| APPROXIMATELY 1 OUT OF EVERY 4 CANADIANS WILL DIE FROM CANCER |



Mario Chevrette, PhD, Scientific Director

“Cancer includes more than 200 different diseases. We now know that we cannot hope for one single cure. This is why research is so vitally important.”