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FRENCH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

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In July 2002, France launched a national plan to combat cancer at the initiative of its President at the time, Jacques Chirac. This plan addressed a very strong need not only to provide better treatment for more cancers, alongside less suffering and higher recovery rates, but also to change society's attitudes to cancer.

In this way, it was proposed to set up an institution, acting as a centre of expertise and resources, which would ensure better coordination of all stakeholders in the fight against cancer. Although many players had been working towards this goal for a number of years, patients and healthcare professionals alike observed information fragmentation and a dilution of responsibilities. As a result, the French National Cancer Institute, created by the Public Health (France) Act of 9 August 2004, was founded. Over the last 20 years, significant progress has been achieved in many areas thanks to the

implementation of this integrated policy. All the players have come together, united by the Institute around the goals set by previous Cancer Plans, and by the current ten-year strategy. In 20 years, prospects of recovery and survival have improved. As of now, more than 90% of our fellow citizens think that *"many cancer patients can be cured"* and celebrities are not afraid to talk openly about their illness.

However, huge challenges remain. The number of cancer cases in our country is increasing largely due to demographic factors, in addition to our behaviours and lifestyles. Some so-called "poor prognosis" cancers still have very low survival rates, with little or no improvement in recent years. Considerable social and regional inequalities in relation to cancer remain. In addition, today, most of the 4 million people in France living with cancer, or who have recovered from cancer, still

suffer from disease- or treatment-related sequelae. In 2021, French President Emmanuel Macron launched the ten-year strategy, setting ambitious goals, allocating additional resources to the fight against cancer and entrusting the Institute with the operational deployment of this strategy.

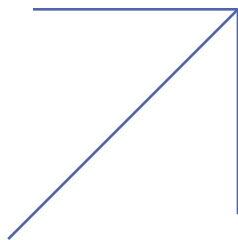
Almost 20 years after the French National Cancer Institute was founded, the task ahead is still sizeable. However, the resources and strengths at our disposal are sizeable too. The Institute's staff and all the stakeholders in cancer care are more determined than ever to eradicate the disease. They share a common motto and a common belief: "Together, we will conquer cancer".

A state agency fully devoted to the fight against cancer, the French National Cancer Institute was created by the Public Health (France) Act of 9 August 2004.

OUR PURPOSE

Lead the national drive to reduce the number of cancer cases and their impact on our country.

Leading the national fight against cancer, the French National Cancer Institute unites and coordinates efforts to adapt, improve, supplement and accelerate the battle against the disease.



Promoting an integrated vision of health, medical, scientific, social and economic aspects associated with cancerous diseases, the Institute endeavours to serve the entire population: patients, caregivers, healthcare system users, general population, healthcare professionals, researchers, and decision-makers. The Institute ensures the implementation of the 2021-2030 ten-year anticancer strategy.

The French National Cancer Institute's budget resources continue to grow, with increasingly cutting-edge skills at its disposal.



161
staff members



€118.5 M
annual budget



60%
of budget
earmarked for research

Tasked with drawing up a draft version of the 2021-2030 ten-year anticancer strategy with all stakeholders, we are also responsible for its operational implementation.

We aimed to draft an ambitious and innovative plan, with a focus on specific priorities and quantitative goals. Following a consultation process with the general public on the draft plan as a whole, the plan was adopted widely by the French President and Government to form the French national anticancer strategy.

This long-term strategy has been awarded a budget of €1.74 billion for the 2021-2025 period and includes over 230 actions. It focuses on improving the service provided to patients and has set ambitious goals for the next 10 years:

- **reduce the number of preventable cancers by 60,000 per year, by 2040;**
- **conduct one million more screening procedures by 2025;**
- **reduce from two-thirds to one-third the proportion of patients suffering from sequelae five years post-diagnosis;**
- **significantly improve the survival rate of poor prognosis cancers by 2030.**

OUR VISION

Every year, more than 430,000 French people are diagnosed with cancer, which remains the leading cause of mortality in our country. The impact of cancers in our society is exacerbated by the increase in cases associated with demographic ageing, improved survival and the persistence of major and debilitating sequelae. However, genuine progress has been achieved: one out of every two cancer cases now recover. In addition, our current knowledge in terms of prevention (more than 40% of cancers are linked with preventable risk factors, the number one by far being tobacco) gives reason to be hopeful.

**Today,
conquering cancer
is no longer a
utopian dream.**

3.8 million people
are living with or have had cancer

157,400 deaths
are related to cancer every year

40% of cancers
are associated with
preventable risk factors
(tobacco, excessive alcohol
consumption, diet)

433,136
The number of new cancer
cases diagnosed in 2023 in
mainland France (245,610
males and 187,526 females).
The (world standardised)
incidence ratios are
estimated at 354.9 per
100,000 males and 274.0 per
100,000 females.

Source: Panorama des cancers en France,
Institut national du cancer, 2023.

OUR MISSION

Serving patients,
healthcare
professionals
and public health



1. PREVENT CANCER ONSET

We devise prevention campaigns to provide information on the onset of cancers and risk factors, and to promote the adoption of healthy behaviours.

2. SCREEN MORE

We help arrange and simplify organised screening programmes, and we carry out information campaigns to encourage French people to participate. We also prepare the screening of the future.



3. ENSURE THE SAME QUALITY CARE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

We define the authorisation and accreditation criteria for healthcare institutions and professionals involved in cancer care to ensure that all our fellow citizens benefit from the same quality and safety of care.

4. ACCOUNT FOR ALL PATIENT NEEDS

Supportive care, right of non-disclosure, job retention: we support all the stakeholders to allow every patient to have a normal life.

5. PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE STATE-OF-THE-ART PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES

With top experts, we draft guidelines in the field of cancer care organisation and pathways (multidisciplinary consultative meetings, diagnosis delivery processes, supportive oncological care, etc.), on therapeutic strategies, medicines and their adverse effects. The aim is to provide all healthcare professionals with the state of the art in these topics.

6. STRUCTURE AND FUND RESEARCH

We are tasked with implementing, funding and coordinating research and development initiatives in cancer care. We designate cancer research entities and organisations, meeting quality criteria, in consultation with the relevant public research organisations. We aim to develop excellence-based fundamental research and accelerate the transfer of findings for the benefit of patients.

Every year, we organise a dozen competitive calls for proposals and follow up the selected and funded proposals, representing almost 170 projects per year.

7. ANTICIPATE THERAPEUTIC INNOVATIONS

To stay ahead of upcoming developments, we have implemented a Horizon Scanning process that helps us identify high-impact innovations that may arise within a two-year period, and we work with all agencies to anticipate their impact. We are also involved in preventing tensions by identifying at-risk medicines and drivers for action.

8. STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

We strive to strengthen international cooperation which is now key to solving the most complex scientific questions.

In 2023, we set up “G7 cancer”, a coordination partnership including the leading countries in the fight against cancer. A consensus has been reached on four work topics: international data strategy, focused on paediatric cancers; poor prognosis cancers; inequalities; prevention.

9. BROADEN OUR KNOWLEDGE

To broaden knowledge on cancers, cancer onset, risk factors and patient outcomes, we develop epidemiological cancer observation via monitoring tools, studies, data collection and analysis. We also participate in the evaluation of the healthcare system, care and health pathways.

We have developed the cancer data platform, a unique data warehouse in Europe compiling, under optimum security and confidentiality conditions, health data from various sources.

OUR **ROLE**

UNITING STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER IN FRANCE

We share common goals:

- reduce the incidence of preventable cancers;
- lower cancer-related mortality;
- improve patients' quality of life during and after cancer;
- reduce health inequalities in relation to cancers.

We steer, designate and fund stakeholders on the ground

- Registries
- Cancerpoles
- SIRICs: integrated cancer research sites
- CLIP²: designated early-phase centres
- Clinicobiological databases
- Poor prognosis cancer research and care networks

We encourage all stakeholders to take action

Businesses and local authorities play key roles for patients and for health promotion. We provide them with guidance to implement their effective job retention procedures, or to implement the principle of "health in all policies".

We coordinate the stakeholders involved in implementing the ten-year strategy

- In the health sector: French National Authority for Health, Santé publique France, French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety, regional health boards.
- In the research sector: Inserm, CNRS, French National Cancer League, ARC Foundation for Cancer Research.

We unite all partners

- In the health sector: learned societies, colleges, professional associations.
- In the research sector: hospital federations.
- Stakeholder associations.

PROMOTE FRANCE'S POSITION IN THE WORLD

The French National Cancer Institute is strongly involved in European cancer control strategy and projects. It helped build Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and is involved in a dozen European projects.

Because international cooperation is vital to meet the most complex challenges, the Institute has set up a coordination partnership including the leading countries in the fight against cancer, "G7 cancer". We are also strengthening our bilateral links, e.g. with Japan and the United States.

We are also a major contributor in several international organisations such as the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) set up by WHO, or the International Cancer Genome Consortium (ICGC), of which the Institute is a founding member.



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