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# Our Vision & Mission

## "A future free of the fear of cancer"

Cancer Research Malaysia is the only non-profit organisation in Malaysia dedicated to saving lives through impactful research focusing on the Malaysian population and communities across Asia. By conducting more research on the Asian population, we are developing new ways to prevent cancer, detect it at early stages, treat it more effectively, and improve survivorship among Asians.



## 2024 AT A GLANCE

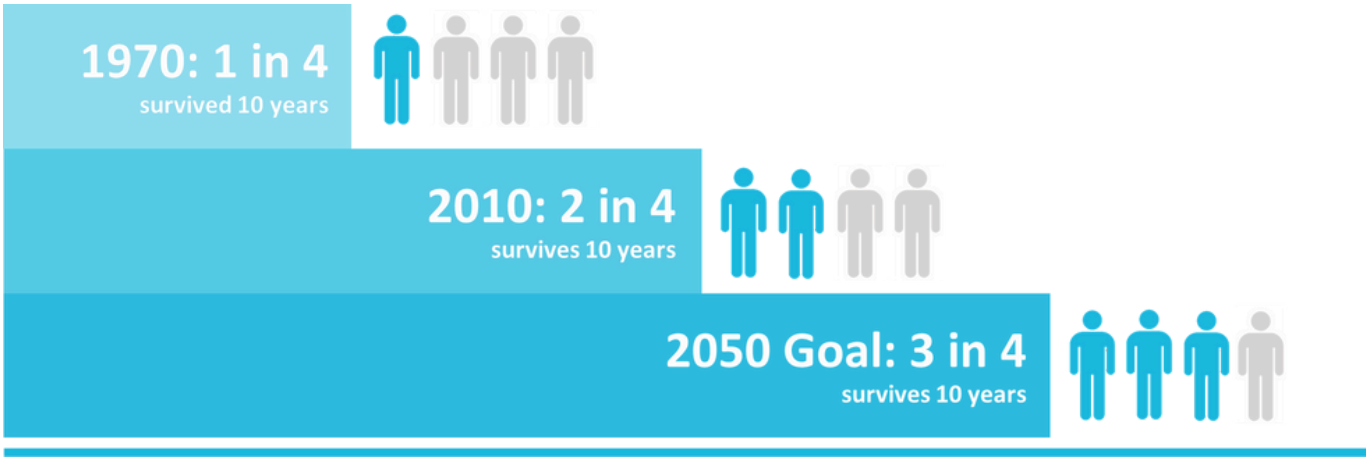
Under our patient navigation program, we have guided more than 5000 patients and are expanding with four new centers in Kota Bharu, Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, and Sungai Petani. Our goal is to navigate 10,000 breast cancer patients within the next five years.

We have impacted more than 2,000 patients through lifesaving genetic testing. With 3 ongoing clinical trials and one yet to be activated for lung cancer, we are making great strides in Asian cancer research. Our cancer vaccine initiative is being developed beyond head and neck cancer, to other cancers including nasopharyngeal, lung and liver cancers. We are currently preparing to enter first-in-human clinical trials for lung cancer.

By 2030, we aim to accelerate the development of new therapies and have 10 new treatments for cancers in Asians. By 2040, we want to improve the early detection and prevention of cancers, by developing 10 new screening/prevention methods. This aligns with our goal to close the care gap between the rich and the poor, in hopes of halving the survival gap by 2040.

Research is key to saving lives. Thanks to research, 2 out of 4 patients can survive a cancer diagnosis today, compared to 1 out of 4 patients 20 years ago. Help us ensure Asians, especially Malaysians, truly benefit from advances in medical research, by donating to support the work that we do.





# Our Impact



**We developed the 1st made in Malaysia cancer vaccine with 97% improved tumour control when used in combination with checkpoint immunotherapy.**

We have developed an innovative cancer vaccine that strengthens the immune system to fight cancer that disproportionately affect Asians — oral cancer. This vaccine offers a less invasive alternative to conventional treatments and holds the potential to prevent future recurrences. As we prepare to enter clinical trials, we aim to bring new hope for a cure and improved quality of life to patients battling this challenging cancer.

**We made Malaysia the 1st country in Asia with nationwide access to genetic counselling for ovarian cancer patients.**

We improved access to genetic counselling services from 2% to 58% across 23 hospitals nationwide, empowering hundreds of Malaysian ovarian cancer patients previously unaware of their inherited cancer risks. Our Asian Genetic Risk Calculator will increase access to lifesaving genetics for thousands of breast cancer patients annually.





**We built Malaysia's 1st mobile app for the early detection of oral cancer.**

Many lack access to dental specialists for the early detection of oral lesions. MeMoSa®, our mobile screening solution for oral cancer, has already facilitated remote screenings and teleconsultations in rural Sarawak. We are committed to expanding its reach, bringing early diagnosis to underserved communities nationwide.

**We are the 1st in Malaysia to use gene editing technology in oral cancer and are accelerating the development of new treatments by using big-data analytics.**

We have built one of the largest banks of Asian oral cancer cell lines and led global studies using gene editing technology and big data analytics, to identify locally relevant targets to develop better treatments for oral cancers, which is more common in Asians.



# Our Impact

**We built the 1st healthcare system innovation that helped thousands of underprivileged women overcome barriers to timely diagnosis, treatment, and care.**

We created a Patient Navigation Programme with doctors, nurses, and specialists across Malaysia to ensure that thousands of breast cancer patients are supported throughout their journey to recovery while reducing the gap in cancer survival between the rich and the poor.



**We accelerated the development of new treatments for Asian cancer patients, powered by the largest genomic map of Asian breast cancers.**

We increased Asian representation in breast cancer genomic maps from 2% to 20%. Advanced data analytics enabled us to develop 2 new methods for treatment selection and clinical trials for breast cancer have given women new hope, with other trials to follow.

**We partner with the best in the world and leverage the best technology to get faster and more effective results.**

Our work is supported by international organisations like University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, Wellcome Trust and Medical Research Council. After all, the fight against cancer only works if everyone comes together.



**100% funded by donations and grants, we need support from donors to continue our fight against cancer.**

We have made amazing strides in our 25 years of research. We couldn't have done it without our donors. Your support continues to take us closer to reversing cancer and ensuring that Asians are not left out in medical research.

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