

# THE HOPE FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Supporting

 **SWOG** | CANCER  
RESEARCH  
NETWORK

# WELCOME

Hope. It's a word we hear all over the place and that we hear often. So often that maybe it's lost its meaning – its power.

To us, Hope is our purpose. Hope is opportunity. Hope is a place for making meaningful investments – of time, funding, or energy – for the chance to realize improvement. The grants we give. The researchers we support. The education we fund. The patients we serve. These are all a part of what Hope means here.

I'm so happy you've found The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research. Here, you have made a direct connection to today's most promising cancer physicians, nurses, statisticians, and scientists. To the most well-trained patient advocates. And to the passionate charitable organization supporting these individuals in their pursuit to improve the lives of those with cancer.

Those improvements have and continue to happen. Today, our network is conducting 37 studies across 1,177 clinics and medical centers nationwide and beyond. They have enrolled more than 225,000 patient participants to clinical trials, and they are actively discovering tomorrow's medical breakthroughs.

These pages outline our work supporting research across cancer type, geographic location, and patient population. I hope you'll join us.



**Johanna Horn**  
President & CEO



## MISSION AND HISTORY

Founded in 1993, The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research is a public charity that invests in the most innovative research and most promising minds through SWOG Cancer Research Network. SWOG is one of the nation's largest cancer clinical trials networks that's funded in part by the National Cancer Institute, **with a mission to significantly improve lives through cancer clinical trials and translational research.**

Cancer impacts everyone—our network of 12,000 members strives to make trials accessible to patients everywhere. The studies conducted through our group have saved more than 3 million years of human life.



“The Coltman Fellowship was instrumental in giving me access to mentorship within SWOG, protected time to develop my research and apply for funding, research connections and collaborations throughout the country, and facilitated my promotion to associate professor. I couldn’t have done this without the Coltman Fellowship.”  
– **Veena Shankaran, MD, MS**

# OUR PROGRAMS

The Hope Foundation funds programs in three key areas:



## DIRECT RESEARCH

- Integral studies
- Pilot studies
- Trial funds
- Secondary data analysis



## CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fellowships
- Career engagement awards
- Grant-writing workshops and clinical trials training



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Travel funding for nurses and clinical research administrators
- VA trial infrastructure grants

## DIRECT RESEARCH SUPPORT



### IMPACT AWARD PROGRAM

Grant program encouraging novel and innovative cancer research by supporting early and conceptual stages of these projects.



### SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS

Connects researchers with the statistical support required to conduct database analyses using clinical trials data alone or in combination with registry or claims data, or other potential linkages.



### SWOG EARLY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT (SEED) FUND

Funds preliminary research that will potentially translate to future clinical trials or trial-associated studies.



### SWOG TRIAL SUPPORT

Grants funding components of approved and activated studies that require additional support during patient enrollment.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT



### CRA/NURSE TRAVEL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Funding awards for CRAs/nurses to travel to oncology conferences.



### SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Awards to honor outstanding researchers and staff for dedicated service in four key areas – mentorship, humanitarianism, innovation, and patient advocacy.



### VA INTEGRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Grants addressing the needs of VA Medical Centers that have been challenged by roadblocks to trial participation.

## CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Virtual Grant Writing Workshop

Virtual program designed for investigators preparing for future grant submissions.

### Dr. Charles A. Coltman, Jr., Fellowships

Funding protected time for early career investigators pursuing mentored clinical research initiatives.

### Young Investigator Training Course

Multi-day educational intensive in protocol development, trial management, and statistical analysis.

### Career Engagement Award Program

Grants to ensure protected time for mid-career investigators pursuing clinical research initiatives.

### John Crowley, PhD Award

A one-month residency to interact and collaborate with statistical faculty and data management staff at a leading publicly funded, national multi-center clinical trials organization.

# AT A GLANCE

**111** young investigators trained (*and 47 resulting clinical trials launched*)



**23** fellows supported



.90 cents of every dollar directly funds research



4-star Charity Navigator rating (*10 years consecutively – top 3% of charities*)

GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency



“The Impact Award and SEED Fund have been transformational to my career. They enabled me to develop pilot data and invest in high-risk, high-reward experiments. Together, these have returned tangible and objective benefits – clinically relevant publications and grants.”

– **George Thomas, MD**

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