



## Promising cancer treatments need more investment now.

Dedicated to expanding the range of treatment options available to patients, regardless of the commercial value. We believe every cancer is one too many.

With patients central to everything we do, the Anticancer Fund supports promising non-commercial research, seeks new and better treatment options, and engages in comprehensive knowledge sharing.

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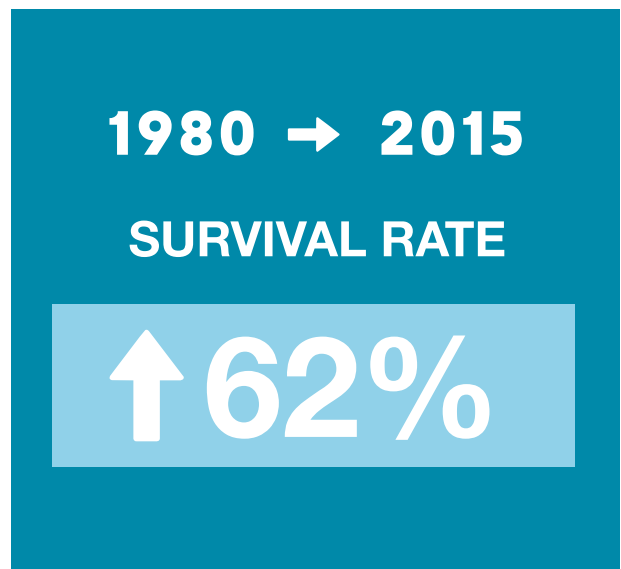
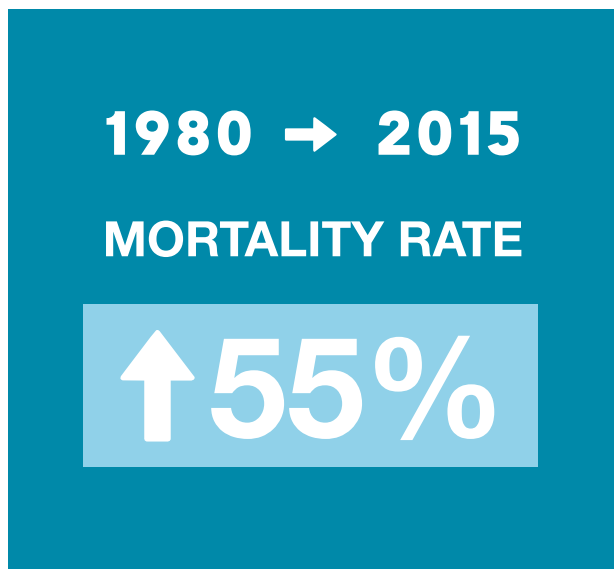


## Cancer: a blight on society

**Cancer is a high priority in our healthcare system. But there are still disparities and not all forms of cancer receive the same level of care or attention. Treatments are becoming more and more expensive, and at the same time progress in research often lags behind. What is being researched and what is missed? Where are we making progress and where are the high levels of unmet patient needs?**



With patients at the heart of everything we do, the Anticancer Fund supports scientific research into new treatment options while also collecting and disseminating information to clinicians and patients alike. It takes huge resources to realise effective cancer research. For example: the cost of bringing one new drug treatment to patients – ‘from test tube to bedside’ – can easily exceed €2 billion, and take 10 years of research and trials.



**SPENDING IN CANCER RESEARCH  
INCREASED BY 250%  
OVER THIS SAME PERIOD.**

The Anticancer Fund aims to fill the gaps in the cancer treatment landscape and to offer more options to patients by supporting high-value research. These treatments, developed independent of commercial concerns or possible financial profits, are based on solid research and strong collaborations. Patients want to be cured, and the sooner the better.

*"The only profit  
the Anticancer Fund  
has in mind is  
progress for  
patients."*



## Broad-minded thinking, independent action and patient-oriented research

An independent Belgian not-for-profit cancer research foundation, the Anticancer Fund believes there are potentially many more ways of combatting cancer.

**2016**  
*€2 million of research into new treatments*  
*14 ongoing research projects into different types of cancer*

- 1** The Anticancer Fund brings scientists, clinicians, patients and other stakeholders together to support and finance research projects in ‘neglected’ or ‘commercially unsupported’ treatment options.
- 2** The Anticancer Fund works to address national and international health policies to improve the environment for this important research. Patients are informed about treatment options and available clinical trials.
- 3** The Anticancer Fund supports research that is directly relevant to patients – high-quality, peer reviewed and globally relevant.
- 4** External donations to the Anticancer Fund are directly allocated to research – all internal operational costs are self-funded.



## The Anticancer Fund researches ... The story of aspirin

With almost one million new cases every year, and 1 in 3 dying of the disease, bowel cancer – one of the most common cancers in the west - is a major killer, particularly for the over 45s. In both men and women it is the second most deadly cancer after lung cancer. It is a disease desperately in need of new treatments.

The good news: there are some interesting leads. The bad news: some of these have been neglected or forgotten.

Take the case of aspirin: numerous studies have shown that this old and cheap medicine has beneficial effects in colorectal cancer. But because the patents on aspirin expired decades ago there is little financial incentive to conduct further research into its possible use as a cancer drug.

In the absence of commercial investment the Anticancer Fund has stepped in to support a large-scale project to 'repurpose' aspirin – to turn it from a pain-killer into a cancer-killer. We are supporting a trial to test if patients with bowel cancer will live longer if they take a daily dose of aspirin in addition to their standard treatments. This is a potentially simple but effective treatment that may improve survival for thousands of patients every year.

This major piece of research could help to license aspirin as an official cancer drug.

The ASPIRIN trial is being conducted in Belgium by the University Hospital in Antwerp, and is part of a collaboration with Darmkanker Nederland. Over 1,500 patients will participate in this important clinical study.

**Total research cost (Belgium)**  
**= €585,000**  
**Contribution by the ACF**  
**= €150,000**



## How can you help?

The Anticancer Fund is passionate about its independence - with no commercial shareholders or interference from special interest groups or pharma companies, the focus can remain purely on the patients' interest.

*“Support the Anticancer Fund and help make cancer patients better.”*

However, to maintain this independence we need to appeal for substantial private support. It means that your donations can make a real impact in the war against cancer – 100% of your funds go directly to research projects, not to office or administrative costs.

The Anticancer Fund also works with smaller cancer foundations and initiatives, in addition to larger national and international organisations, making sure that the money collected can be spent in the most focused, optimal way.

Would you like to find out more about how we work and how your support can help us? Please do not hesitate to contact us for further details.

*“The Anticancer Fund gives hope and a chance to cancer patients.”*

The Anticancer Fund can also be included in your will. In this way your legacy can include giving new hope to cancer patients. The organisation [testament.be](http://testament.be) provides all information about charitable legacies and bequests in Belgium. Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more or to be sent a free information guide.

  
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