RESEARCH STRATEGY
2023 - 2028

OUR VISION
Cancer Research funding in Aotearoa New Zealand supports equitable and improved cancer outcomes across the cancer continuum over the long term.

OUR OBJECTIVES

• Cancer Society is a significant non-government funder of cancer research.

• Our research kaupapa is consistent with our Equity Charter and is committed to research funding processes that ensure high quality and high impact research is funded.

• We fund research that supports improved, equitable cancer outcomes in New Zealand across the cancer continuum.

• We engage with key stakeholders (internal and external) to maximise the impact of our research programme.
We are a significant non-government funder of cancer research.

Our goals:

• By 2028, we have increased its cancer research funding or leveraged additional funding into cancer research in New Zealand.
• Increased brand awareness of Cancer Society as a significant cancer research funder.

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Our goal:

Funding processes will:

• Demonstrate commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
• Encourage Māori research proposals, as well as appropriate involvement, and engagement of Māori in the design, conduct and dissemination of research.
• Encourage research applications with a focus on equitable outcomes (such as outcomes for Māori, geography, ethnicity, socio economic status, gender) and ensure assessment process considers how the research will contribute to pro-equity outcomes.
• Ensure there are diverse perspectives on the decision-making panel.
• Ensure there is a transparent, peer-reviewed assessment process that reviews research funding allocation in a reliable and consistent way (e.g. via assessment by the National Scientific Advisory Committee or equivalent group).

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Our goals:

• Our funding is prioritised into areas that improve equity in cancer outcomes, which may include prevention, screening, psychosocial support, or survivorship.
• We progressively grow its funding into Kaupapa Māori and Māori responsive research.
• We adequately fund future cancer researchers through annual postgraduate grant rounds, prioritising research studies that are not covered by other funding sources.

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Our goal:

• We provide relevant, timely and accurate information about our research activities, including the outcomes of the research and engagement approach.