

LLS fast facts

Who We Are and What We Do

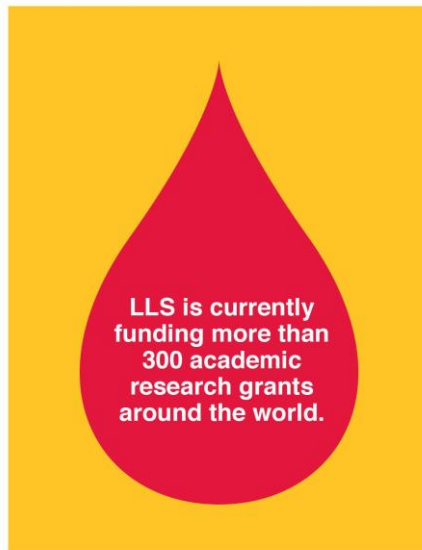


The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients. We are the voice for the more than 1.2 million people in the US living with or in remission from a blood cancer: leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or another malignancy of the blood.

Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer.

Our Mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Research



Since our inception in 1949 we have invested more than \$1 billion in blood cancer research. Our investment has played a role in most of the therapies that are used to treat blood cancer patients today and many of these therapies are helping patients with other cancers and serious diseases.

Advances such as chemotherapy, bone and stem cell transplantation, and more recently, targeted therapies that precisely target the genetic drivers of the cancer while sparing healthy tissue, and therapies that harness the body's own immune system to fight cancer, began with the blood cancers.

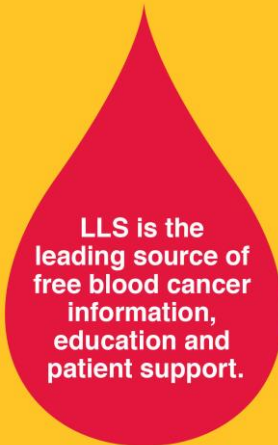
Between 2000 and 2015, more than 40% of cancer-fighting therapies approved by the FDA were first approved to treat blood cancer patients and many of these are helping other patients. For example, Gleevec®, first approved to treat patients with chronic myeloid leukemia, is now approved for certain rare forms of stomach and skin cancers, and Rituxan®, first approved to treat lymphoma

patients, is now approved to treat patients with rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune diseases. These drugs, and many others first approved for blood cancer patients, are being tested for many other types of cancers and diseases.

Through our Therapy Acceleration Program (TAP®) we strategically partner with biotechnology companies and academic researchers to help advance promising therapies into clinical trials so they can get to patients faster.

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Patient Access



LLS is the leading source of free blood cancer information, education and patient support.

Our Information Resource Center is a toll-free call center staffed with master's degree level healthcare professionals armed with up-to-date information about blood cancers and treatment options. The IRC fields approximately 60,000 inquiries a year and performs 6,000 clinical trials searches for patients.

Our Co-Pay Assistance Program is designed to help patients afford their health insurance co-pays and insurance premiums. Since its inception in 2007 the co-pay program has provided \$240 million in support and helped more than 55,000 patients.

Our Patti Robinson Kaufmann program is a peer-to-peer program in which trained volunteer blood cancer survivors are matched with a newly diagnosed patient to share their experiences; and the Susan Lang Pay-it-Forward Travel Assistance Program helps patients with transportation/travel to help them get to their health care providers for their blood cancer related treatments.

Policy and Advocacy



LLS has helped advance laws in 39 states to ensure coverage and payment parity for cancer medications, regardless of how or where they are administered.

Our policy and advocacy team works to secure both federal and state laws to ensure access, by limiting out-of-pocket costs for treatments. For example, we have helped pass laws in 20 states ensuring equity in cost-sharing for thousands of patients who rely on orally-administered cancer treatments.

LLS has played a critical role in advancing the 21st Century cures bill, designed to accelerate cures through FDA reform.

LLS has built a nationwide grassroots network to empower blood cancer patients and their loved ones to affect real change in treatment and care through: currently more 100,000 grassroots advocates across the country.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. **The LLS Mission:** Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in Rye Brook, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

To learn more, www.lls.org or contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET