



The importance of good care



The daughter of a childhood cancer survivor reads the SIOPE Strategic Plan

# FIGHTING FOR THE FUTURE

The European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) is working to improve the quality of life for children and adolescents with cancer

Despite the progress being made in Europe, cancer is still the biggest threat to children's lives after safety incidents. And while individual types of childhood cancer may be rare, combined they are a serious threat to life for too many young patients. Survival rates among children and adolescents vary greatly across Europe, and two-thirds of survivors encounter some late side effects of treatment; for half of those patients, these side effects have a significant impact on their daily lives.

As childhood cancers are biologically different from adult cancers, more specialised research is needed to find better treatments for paediatric tumours. Supporting over 1,500 European specialists in childhood cancer research, treatment, care and follow up, the European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) works towards a future where no child dies of cancer and survivors live to the fullest.

To this end, SIOPE has launched a 10-year strategic plan, drawn up by a group of outstanding experts in paediatric oncology, to tackle the issue across Europe. The aim is to identify solutions that will increase the cure rate of paediatric cancers, as well as improve the quality of survivors' lives by achieving seven key objectives.

## The SIOPE Strategic Plan

1. Introduce innovative treatments into standard care.
2. Use precision cancer medicine to help guide therapeutic decisions.
3. Increase knowledge of tumour biology and speed up translation to clinical care.
4. Ensure equal access to standard care and research across Europe.
5. Address the specific needs of teenagers and young adults.
6. Improve the quality of life of childhood cancer survivors.
7. Understand the causes of paediatric cancers.

By donating to this plan, you can support research fellows, projects and initiatives to improve young people's chances of surviving this disease. Children with cancer deserve a brighter future; let's make this a reality. [siope.eu/donations](https://siope.eu/donations)



## EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC CANCER STATISTICS

- 35,000 young people are diagnosed every year with cancer
- 20 children and adolescents die of cancer every day
- One out of 300 newborns develops cancer before the age of 20
- 60 cancer types occur from birth to adolescence
- There are 300,000 childhood cancer survivors in Europe

