Pediatric cancer is the number one disease killer of children. However, despite the promising innovations in cancer drug development in general, the most novel and promising drugs are often not developed for children.

This innovation gap is due to the incentives companies have to focus on adult treatments, and the difficulties pediatric researchers face buying or otherwise accessing new drugs for studies in children, even after the drugs are approved.

The RACE for Children Act would dramatically improve pediatric cancer treatments by ensuring that children with cancer have access to the most promising drugs under development.

The RACE for Children Act updates the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) so that the law keeps up with the science

In 2003, Congress passed PREA, providing that drug companies developing drugs for adults should also undertake certain studies of their drugs for kids. However, PREA has not benefited kids with cancer because children’s cancers start in different parts of the body than adult cancers. There has never been a PREA study for pediatric cancer.

Now, cancer drugs are developed by molecular target (e.g., a PD1 drug, a EGRF drug, an ALK inhibitor drug), instead of by organ (e.g., breast cancer, lung cancer). While children’s cancers don't start in the same organs as adult cancers, they do share the same molecular targets. (e.g. an ALK inhibitor that treats adults with lung cancer also treats kids with neuroblastoma).

The RACE for Children Act extends PREA by molecular target for cancer drugs

RACE provides that for cancer drugs, PREA be applied when the molecular target is relevant to a pediatric cancer. In addition, RACE provides that cancer drugs with orphan designations would no longer be exempt from PREA requirements. RACE confers companies with rights to earlier FDA input on their pediatric study plans if they choose to submit their pediatric study plans to the FDA early.

Pursuant to The RACE for Children Act, every novel cancer drug would be a candidate for a pediatric cancer study.

RACE would mean that there would be many more treatments for kids with cancer. RACE would mean kids with cancer can live to one more birthday.

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Endorsements of RACE Act

RACE for Children Act has been endorsed by NATURE journal and by over 100 advocacy organizations. http://www.kidsvcancer.org/race-for-children-act/endorsements-for-race-act/

The following hospitals and research institutions have endorsed RACE:

As members of the Coalition for Pediatric Medical Research:
Seattle Children’s Hospital
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Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin
Tufts University School of Medicine
University of Colorado School of Medicine
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
University of Washington School of Medicine

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Duke University Medical Center
Foundation Medicine
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Harvard Medical School
Massachusetts General Hospital for Children
MD Anderson Cancer Center
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Nemours Children’s Health System
Northwell Health
NYU Langone Medical Center
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Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
The following pediatric cancer advocacy organizations have endorsed The RACE for Children Act:

#Parkerloveslife
#PrayforAddi
#SaveJosh
3/32 Foundation
A Kids' Brain Tumor Cure Foundation
A Legacy of Hope Scholarships for Children who are Cancer Survivors
Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs
Aiden's Army
AIM NanoMed
Alex's Team Foundation, Inc.
Alexine Clarysse Foundation
Along Comes Hope
American Childhood Cancer Organization
Aniyah's journey
Arcbazar
Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation
Ashtyn Fight Like A Girl Whalen
Aven Crane Cancer Foundation
AYJ Fund
Babies For Bella
Bald Beauties Project
Baltimore City Cancer Program
BASE Camp children's Cancer Foundation
Battle for a Cure Foundation
Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Beat NB
Because of Ezra
Bert's Big Adventure
Blair's Tree of Hope Non-Profit
Bold for Gold Foundation: Childhood Cancer Awareness & Hope
Braden's Hope For Childhood Cancer
Bradens Hope
Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Foundation
Bryant Strong Foundation
Bus Stop Club
Caleb's Crusade
Cancer Kids Army
Cancer Knowledge Network
Cancer Free Kids
Canines-N-Kids Foundation
Cannonball Kids' cancer
Carson Leslie Foundation
Chase After A Cure
Childhood Cancer
Childhood Cancer Awareness Group of Coffee County
Childhood Cancer Awareness License Plates, Texas
Childhood Cancer Support Group of Central VA
Childhood Cancer Guides
Children v Cancer
Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation
Children's Tumor Foundation
Chris Lantos Foundation
Christina Renna Foundation Inc.
Circle of Care
CI's Journey Foundation
Coalition Against Childhood Cancer
Coastal Crusaders Crochet for Cancer
Colton's Crusade
ConKerr Cancer
Cookies for Kids' Cancer
Crosby's Fund
Crush Kids' Cancer
CURE Bears for Hope and Love
CURE Childhood Cancer
Cure Childhood Cancer Association
Cure4Cam Childhood Cancer Foundation
Cure A.L.L of CNY
CureSearch for Children's Cancer
Curewize Health Ltd.
Danielle's Roses Against Childhood Cancer
Danny's Fund
Dawson's Circle of Hope
DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
Delainee’s Battle
Delaney Donates
Dragon Master Foundation
Ethan Jostad Foundation For Childhood Cancer
Flashes of Hope
Foundation Medicine Inc.
Francesco Loccisano Memorial Foundation
aka Frankie's Mission
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Friends of Cathryn
Global Genes
God’s Disciples Emergency Response
Search and Rescue
Gold in September (G9) Project
Gold Rush Cure Foundation
Gracie’s Gowns, Inc.
Grandparents In Action
Hannah Duffy Foundation
Hannah’s Cans for Cancer, Inc.
Hannah’s Hope Fund
Have Faith Be Strong
Healing Hearts Respite Foundation
Heroes For Hope
Hope & Heroes | Columbia University Medical Center
Hope Faster
Hope for a cure
Hopfinger Family Foundation
I Back Jack Foundation
I’m With Jackson
Imagine for Margo-Children without Cancer
Iolanthe Alpaca Ranch for Kids with Cancer
Jeff Gordon Children’s Foundation
Jeffrey’s Voice
Jeremy Cares Inc.
Jesse Heikkila Foundation
Joey’s Wings
Jonah’s Just Begun
Journey For A Cure
Journey4aCure
Joy for Hope
Julia’s Grace Foundation
Julia’s Legacy of Hope
Just-In-Time Neuroblastoma Foundation
Justin’s Triumph
Katie Gerstenberger Endowment for Cancer Research
Keira Kilbane Foundation
Kids Cancer Alliance
Kids Cancer Care Foundation
Kraftlove
Ladybug House
Lights Camera Cure
Lights Out Leukemia
Little Eric’s Foundation
Luck2Tuck
Lucy’s Love Bus
Maddie’s Mark Foundation
Make Some Noise: Cure Kids Cancer Foundation
Making Headway Foundation
Manny Alvarez Foundation
Marshall County Childhood Cancer Awareness Corporation
Mathaus’ Gifts
Max’s Ring of Fire
MaxLove Project
McKenzy’s Smile, Inc
Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation
Mikey’s Way Foundation
MLD Foundation
MTJ Foundation
Nathan’s Hope
Northern Texas PGA
Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation
Olivia Boccuzzi Foundation
Paloma’s Victory Fund
Pat Mac’s Pack
Pediatric Assessment, Learning & Support
Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley
Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Inc., Tampa, Florida
People Against Childhood Cancer (PAC2)
Pink Bandanas Guild
Play4Pete
Prayers for Elijah Foundation
Precious Jules Childhood Cancer Foundation
Princesses on a Mission, Inc.
Project Violet, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
QuadW Foundation
Rainbows and Roses
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research
Rare Cancer Research Foundation
Rein in Sarcoma Foundation
Richi Childhood Cancer Foundation
Rock Against Cancer
Rodeo For A Reason
Run for the White House for Childhood Cancer Awareness
Ryder's Army Childhood Cancer Awareness
Rylee's Journey of Hope
Sam's Soldiers
Sara Baskets of Hope Foundation
Sean's fight
Shane's Future Days
Skyler's Soldiers
Smashing Walnuts Foundation
Smiles For Missy
Sofia's Hope, Inc.
Solving Kids Cancer
Sophia's Fund
Southern Oregon Candlelighters
Special Love, Inc.
Still Brave Childhood Cancer Foundation
Strong For Dom Foundation
Su Misura Journeys
Super Simone
SuperBub's SuperHeroes and GOLD: The New Pink Swifty Foundation
Talia's Legacy Children's Cancer Foundation
Tay-bandz
Team Campbell Foundation
Team Daniella's Foundation
Team Finn Foundation
Team G Childhood Cancer Foundation
Team Jade
Team Jeremy
Team Julia Fight Like A Girl Inc.
Team Mathias
Team Mickey
Team Morgan
Team Nick
Team Raygan Skye Batton
Team Sarah
Team Scot
Team Serena
Team Smiley Ryleigh
Team Trevor
Team Zadee
Team Niko Inc
Teen Cancer America
Tennessee Cancer Coalition/Childhood Committee
The 1 Million 4 Anna Foundation
The Alex Mandarino Foundation
The Alexander Muñoz Memorial Fund
The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation
The Band of Parents, Inc.
The Brooke Healey Foundation
The Cameron McCarthy Foundation
The Catherine Elizabeth Blair Memorial Foundation
The Chase Ryan Olsen Foundation
The Claire E. and Patrick G. Mackey Children's Cancer Foundation
The Cure Starts Now
The Gold Hope Project
The Kortney Rose Foundation
The Lilabean Foundation
The Lily Fund
The Lyla Nsouli Foundation
The Max Cure Foundation
The Morgan Adams Foundation
The Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society
The Nicholas Conor Institute
The Project OAK Foundation
The Purple Society
The Rare Childhood Cancer Advocacy Group
The Scott Carter Foundation
The Sierra Rayn Foundation
The Truth 365
This Star Won't Go Out, Inc.
Ty Louis Campbell Foundation
Tyler Rocks! LLC
Tyler's Journey
Unite2Cure
Unravel Pediatric Cancer
We Believe Foundation

West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders Inc.
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Wylie's Day
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