

ADVANCING CANCER RESEARCH FOR A CANCER-FREE SOUTH AFRICA



Supporting cancer research, innovation
and capacity development in South Africa



Research • Educate • Support

Toll-free 0800 22 66 22 | www.cansa.org.za

OUR RESEARCH FOCUS

CANSA supports clinical, epidemiological, laboratory-based, applied, and translational cancer research that contributes directly to cancer prevention, early detection, improved patient and community outcomes, and strengthening cancer research capacity across South Africa.

CANSA is one of the leading non-profit funders of cancer research in South Africa.

Focus Areas

Cancer Prevention and Risk Reduction

Research on environmental, behavioural, and lifestyle factors influencing cancer risk.

Early Detection and Diagnosis

Research supporting earlier identification and improved diagnosis of cancers with a significant public health impact.

Awareness and Health Promotion

Evidence-based education, awareness, and community outreach strategies that improve public understanding of cancer.

Patient Care, Survivorship, and Palliative Support

Research that strengthens patient care, quality of life, survivorship, and supportive and palliative services.

CANSA uses evidence-based research to inform advocacy, health education programmes, and support services for people living with cancer, their families, and communities.



CANSA RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Research Funding Streams

CANSA supports two research funding streams:

1. Larger-scale cancer research

Supports high-impact, investigator-led cancer research undertaken by MBChB- and PhD-level researchers at accredited South African universities and research institutions.

2. Applied cancer research

Supports smaller-scale, high-impact research projects aligned with CANSA operational priorities, with a focus on practical solutions, community benefit and impact.

Focus areas: Larger-scale cancer research

- Larger-scale research initiatives
- Scientific and clinical innovation
- Long-term research impact
- Translational and multidisciplinary research
- Collaborative university- and institution-based research

Focus areas: Applied cancer research

- Applied and implementation-focused studies
- Postgraduate student research projects
- Real-world cancer service improvement
- Support for emerging researchers
- Practical community-focused interventions
- Collaborative university- and institution-based research



Recognition

Every three years, CANSA recognises outstanding researchers whose work contributes significantly to cancer control with the prestigious AG Oetlé Memorial Award.

RESEARCH TRANSLATION & IMPACT

Donor support funds larger-scale and applied cancer research. This generates evidence and knowledge translated into improved outcomes for communities across South Africa.

Research Outcomes Inform:



- Health education programmes
- Public awareness initiatives
- Advocacy and policy engagement
- Evidence-based support services

Impact Pathway



- Donor Support
- Research Funding
- Larger-Scale & Applied Research
- Evidence & Knowledge
- Community Impact

Outcomes of CANSA-Funded Research



- Evidence-based cancer prevention strategies
- Improved early detection and awareness programmes
- Strengthened patient support and survivorship services
- Peer-reviewed publications and policy insights
- Research capacity development in South Africa

CANSA RESEARCH IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Larger-scale Research Output

(1 April 2011 – 31 March 2026)

Research Outputs

86	Research projects supported
265	Publications in peer-reviewed journals
R27,468,257	Funding provided
189	Post-graduate and research training opportunities supported

Applied Cancer Research Output

(1 April 2021 – 31 March 2026)

Research Outputs

12	Research projects supported
4	Publications in peer-reviewed journals
R471,815	Funding provided
9	Research translation outputs
7	Support of post-graduate research

Stay Updated

Visit the CANSA website regularly for information on:

- Upcoming funding calls
- Eligibility criteria
- Application deadlines
- Research news and opportunities
- Research partnerships and collaboration opportunities



Scan the QR code and visit the CANSA Research page for more information

www.cansa.org.za/research/

ENGAGE WITH CANSA RESEARCH

You can support and contribute to advancing cancer research in South Africa in several ways:

- Support priority cancer research through donations
- Partner with CANSA on collaborative research initiatives
- Participate in approved cancer research studies that benefit communities
- Support the development of emerging cancer researchers and research capacity in South Africa

Learn More

CANSA Research:

www.cansa.org.za/research/

Donate:

www.givengain.com/campaign/research-driving-health-education

Email:

Research@cansa.org.za

TOGETHER,
we can reduce cancer risk and
improve cancer outcomes for
ALL SOUTH AFRICANS.



Research • Educate • Support

Toll-free 0800 22 66 22 | www.cansa.org.za

