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THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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SINGAPORE (NCIS) CANCER
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THREE AREAS – FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR FINANCIALLY
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PATIENTS, CANCER RESEARCH,
AND THE EDUCATION AND
TRAINING OF HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS.

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HELPING CANCER PATIENTS

Every year, more than 100 applications are provided with financial assistance by the **NCIS Cancer Fund**.

This fund makes it possible for NCIS to assist less fortunate cancer patients with critical cancer treatments. This support can vary from initiation of treatment to ensuring continuity in their treatment and medical follow-ups.

Here are some of the many thankful NCIS patients who have benefitted directly from the fund:

"Today I am able to stand here breathing and talking to you all. It is thanks to all of you whom I do not know, yet are willing to give me a helping hand. You may not know how great a favour you have done, you may just be doing your part by donating, but you have actually touched my life by giving me the chance to live again and cherish the moments with the people I loved and hold dearest in my life. You are my angels. May God keep you and your loved ones blessed and safe everyday. Thank you!"

Mdm C, age 53, diagnosed with breast cancer since 2014.

"Dear NCIS Cancer Fund donors, thank you for the support to enable me to follow-up at NUH and receive assistance for my medical bills. I am very grateful towards your contribution and the kind assistance rendered. Thank you!"

Mdm H, age 47, mother of 3 schooling children, diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. Mdm H is still continuing her treatment, relying mostly on her husband and aid from VWO.

Join us in the fight against cancer and to provide for those less fortunate.

To find out more about the NCIS Cancer Fund, please visit:
<http://www.ncis.com.sg/Give-a-Gift/Pages/NCIS-Cancer-Fund.aspx>

FUNDING AT A GLANCE

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Patients assisted by the NCIS Cancer Fund in the past year

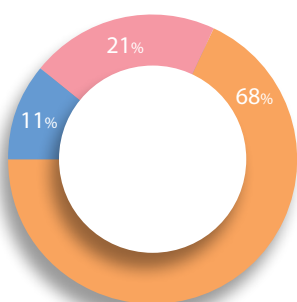
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Applications approved over the past 12 months

38%

of patients had more than one application approved

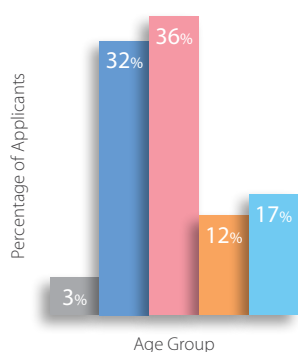
BY CITIZENSHIP



- Singapore Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Resident Foreigners

- Support is given to Singaporeans and Permanent Residents for costs not supported by other assistance schemes. The fund also supports Resident Foreigners who have spent a "reasonable" time in Singapore and are part of our Singapore community.

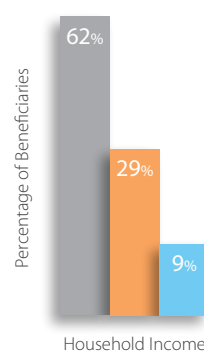
BY AGE GROUP



- < 30
- 30 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- > 65

- The largest segment (aged 45 and above) reflects the prevalence of chronic diseases in an ageing population.

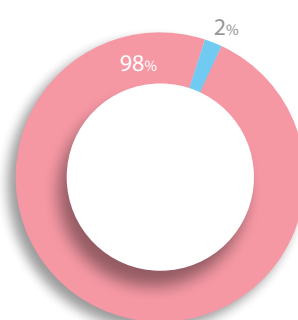
BY PER CAPITA INCOME



- < \$560
- \$561 - \$1,120
- \$1,121 - \$1,999

- Financial Assessment is performed by Medical Social Workers based on Medifund criteria (\$560 - \$1,120).
- 91% of our beneficiaries belong to the lowest 20% of our community by Household Income (Dept of Statistics), Year 2018.

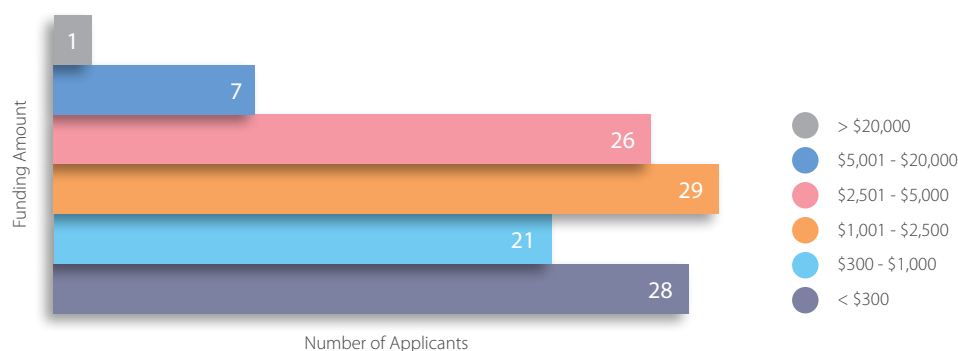
BY SUPPORT CATEGORY



- Medical Treatment
- Medication & Consumables

- Funding is provided to support treatment costs not funded by existing assistance schemes.
- Funding support provided to cancer patients are mainly for PET scans. This helps physicians detect cancer, evaluate the extent of disease, select the most appropriate treatments, determine if the therapy is working and detect any recurrent tumours.

BY FUNDING AMOUNT



- > \$20,000
- \$5,001 - \$20,000
- \$2,501 - \$5,000
- \$1,001 - \$2,500
- \$300 - \$1,000
- < \$300

- Funding support provided is crucial to our beneficiaries as their medical expenses exceed their Per Capita Income.

- In order to help as many patients as funds allow, the cap for financial assistance is currently set at \$20,000.

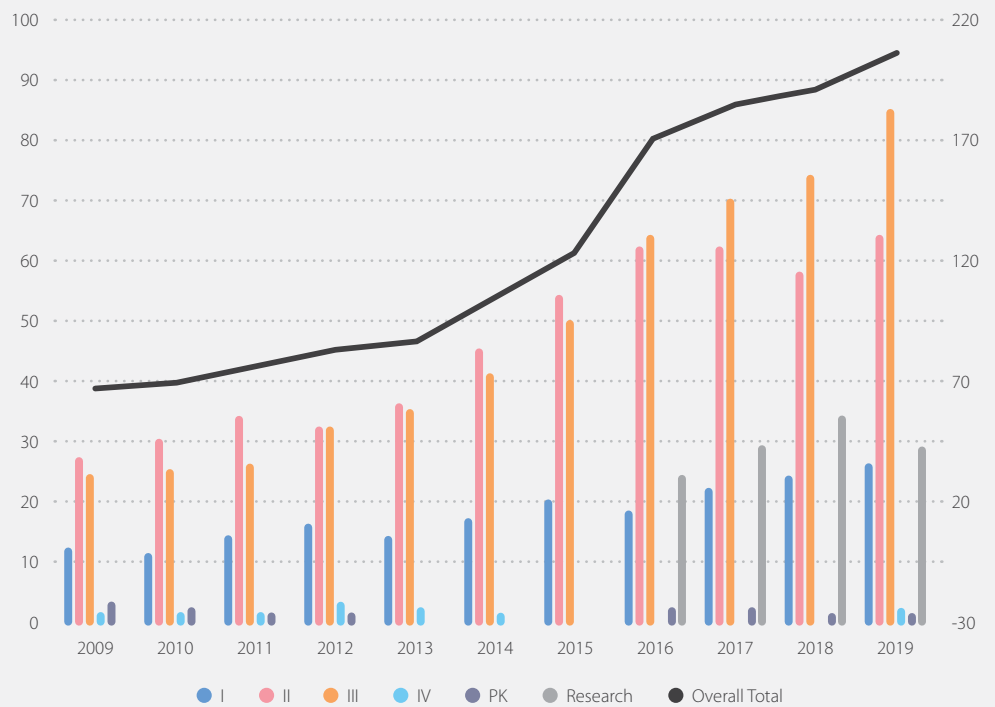
- Majority of the report is based on dollar amount supported, unless otherwise stated.**

RESEARCH @ NCIS

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active clinical trials

Focus on early Phase I trials and Immunotherapy trials



200

Targeted clinical trials per year.

61

Collaborations with industry partners since 2010.*

69

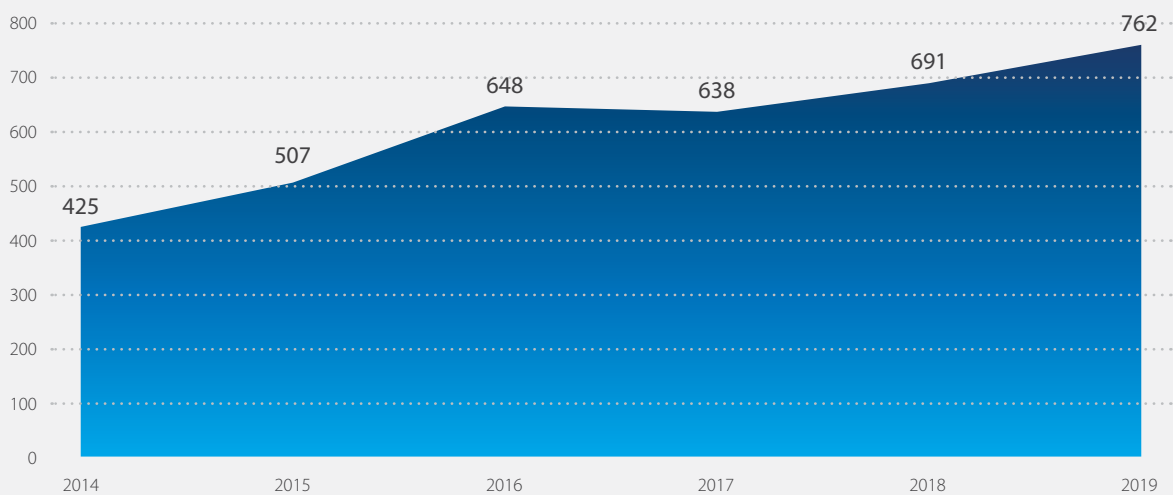
Early Phase I Trials since 2010.*

78

Immunotherapy trials since 2014.*

* Cumulative total

NCIS RESEARCH PUBLICATION



Find out more at:

<http://www.ncis.com.sg/Research-and-Eucation/Pages/Research-Publications-Highlights.aspx>

ENGAGEMENT

FRIENDS OF NCIS EVENING

Friends of NCIS Evening was an event held on 17 January 2020 in appreciation of donors, sponsors and partners. It was attended by about 100 guests including students from Hwa Chong Institution's Medical Society who are the pioneer batch of students to partner NCIS in spreading cancer awareness campaigns and fundraising efforts through social media platforms.

The event commenced with a welcome note from Professor Chng Wee Joo, Director, National University Cancer Institute, Singapore who also shared about the continuous efforts, breakthroughs and challenges faced in battling cancer at the different levels of medical and operational fronts.

The first guest speaker was Madam Cathy Ho, who came forward to speak candidly about her financial predicament and battle with cancer. Madam Ho is one of the many patients who has benefitted from the NCIS Cancer Fund, and she moved the audience as she paid a tearful tribute and thanked all donors who were present and those who she has not met for giving her a new lease of life.

Cancer survivor and gym enthusiast Mr Arun then had the audience laughing and applauding at his bright and bubbly personality as he drove home the message of maintaining positivity and hope despite the many challenges of fighting cancer.

At the end of the evening, a total of \$11,757 was raised for the NCIS Cancer Fund.



(From 2nd left)
NCIS Senior Consultant Dr Lim Siew Eng, Associate Professor Lee Soo Chin and Professor Goh Boon Cher with guests



Cancer survivor Mr Arun sharing his experiences with guests

TRAINING OUR CANCER PROFESSIONALS PALLIATIVE CARE COURSE FOR THERAPISTS 2019

The Palliative Care Course for Therapists was a two-part training session that took place from 20 - 21 August and 3 September 2019.

The course, designed for therapists across all disciplines aimed to provide them with the knowledge and skills to work with critically ill patients and their family members.

The course covered a clinical overview of common life-limiting illnesses, serious illness communication, basic symptom management, role of therapists in managing patients with progressive life-limiting illness, and integration of these therapies into a 'holistic management' of patients.

Pre-readings conducted in the form of e-learning, and actual day lectures were both deployed as part of case studies. Role-playing further enhanced participants' understanding and confidence in servicing the needs of patients on palliative care.

Participant Ong Jie Xin felt that there is definitely a growing demand for allied health interventions for patients with palliative care needs. She shared that it was encouraging to witness the profession pushing to the forefront of problem-solving and improving the quality of care in this area.

"Personally, I found the communication component very useful, as it taught me practical skills to facilitate a meaningful conversation and goal setting during a therapy session."

Ong Jie Xin
Senior Occupational Therapist,
Department of Rehabilitation

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

In March, April and October 2019, from 5pm to 6pm every Tuesday, Warna 94.2FM (Malay) radio station DJs (TG and RZ) interviewed NCIS doctors, social workers, patients affected by cancer and cancer survivor, Member of Parliament Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar.

The broad discussions covered a range of topics including awareness campaigns and specific cancer treatments. Results from a survey at a Malay community outreach initiative showed that up to 30% of the community tuned in to the show.

"When we first embarked on this project, we had our goals and plans, but we were not sure of the impact. The results were beyond our expectations,"

Dr Lim Siew Eng
Senior Consultant, NCIS



Dr Lim Siew Eng, Senior Consultant, NCIS, cancer survivor Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar with radio hosts



NCIS patient Madam Rahimah Bahri and family



Dr Chee Cheng Ean, Assistant Professor/Senior Consultant, NCIS and cancer survivor Mr Mohamed Shariff Bin Mohamed Salleh with radio hosts



Your Help Empowers.

Every year, the NCIS Cancer Fund provides financial assistance to more than 50 needy cancer patients. Your generous gift will also help us develop better methods to diagnose and treat the disease, improving the survival rates of cancer patients.

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