

Highlighting Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The Office of Data Sharing strives to support the community of researchers working tirelessly to combat childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer. To further support these efforts, we provide resources like [CCDI Hub](#), which help streamline access to valuable data and tools, fostering collaboration and enabling researchers to share and reuse data more effectively. We are proud to be a part of the culture of collaboration that is exemplified by the scientists who work across institutions, and across borders, to learn as much as possible from every child so that therapies continue to advance. We especially express our gratitude to the countless children and families who have volunteered for cancer research studies in any way, and we pledge to help the research community to be excellent stewards of your data.

Third Annual Data Sharing Symposium: How Data Advances the Impact of Cancer Research

[Register now.](#)

Join us in person or virtually on September 30 and October 1, 2025, as the NCI Office of Data Sharing (ODS) hosts the *Third Annual Data Sharing Symposium: How Data Advances the Impact of Cancer Research*. At this two-day event, you'll explore the transformative potential of broad data sharing and collaborative science for more rapid advances in cancer research. [View the final agenda.](#)

Related Events

The National Cancer Institute (NCI)'s Office of Data Sharing (ODS) is pleased to host its inaugural data jamboree on September 29 and 30, 2025 in conjunction with the Third Annual Data Sharing Symposium. [Learn more](#) and [view the agenda](#).

Following the symposium, join us in person or virtually for the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI) Symposium on October 6 and 7, 2025. Connect with NCI CCDI leaders and other experts across research, clinical, and data science communities as they share insights into programs and resources designed to accelerate research and improve clinical care. [Registration](#) closes on October 2.

Announcements

The Latest Childhood Cancer Data Catalog (CCDC) Update Is Here

The [CCDI Childhood Cancer Data Catalog](#) released a new update that features one new tool: the [CCDI cBioPortal Cancer Data Explorer](#). Along with this, three data sets were updated and two temporarily removed data sets were restored. This latest 30th release contains 363 Datasets from 64 resources. All of these updates are also reflected in the [CCDC User Guide](#).

NIH Releases Implementation Plan to Drive Gold Standard Science

NIH released its implementation plan for driving gold standard science on Aug 22, 2025. [NIH's Gold Standard Science Implementation Plan](#) outlines key accomplishments to date and presents a transparent vision for the road ahead.

Notice of an Update to the OLAW Guidance Disclaimer. [NOT-OD-25-145](#).

NIH released the notice on August 27, 2025. The revised OLAW guidance disclaimer endorses the use of evidence-based performance standards, as well as statutory requirements.

[NIH Scientific Data Sharing Pages are Now on the NIH Grants & Funding Site](#)

NIH is providing guidance to researchers on the appropriate usage of artificial intelligence (AI) to maintain the fairness and originality of NIH's research application process. NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants. NIH will only accept six new, renewal, resubmission, or revision applications from an individual Principal Investigator/Program Director or Multiple Principal Investigator for all council rounds in a calendar year.

NIH to Establish New Policies for Allowable Publication Costs and Requests Public Input.

NIH will [introduce a cap on allowable publication costs](#) starting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, ensuring that publication fees remain reasonable across the research ecosystem. NIH has posted a [Request for Information](#) to gather public feedback on proposed options. **Response due date: 9/15/2025.**

Meetings

Happening now:

- Exploring ecDNA's Impact on Childhood Cancers. September 9, 2025. 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET. [Register](#).
- September Data Sharing and Reuse Seminar – Data Sharing in the Real World. September 12, 2025. 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET. [Register](#)
- Terra and Data Science Tools to Begin Your Journey to Cloud Computing for Population Health Research. September 17, 2025. 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM ET. [Register](#).
- Cancer AI Conversations: Integrating AI in Clinical Care and Clinical Trials for Oncology. September 23, 2025. 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET. [Register](#).

Past meetings:

- August CCDI Webinar: Mutational Epidemiology of Childhood Cancer. August 12, 2025. [Presentation](#).
- From Silos to Synergy: Linking Dental and Medical Data to Advance Precision Oral Health. August 8, 2025. [Summary](#).

We'd love to hear from you! Contact the ODS team at: nciofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov

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