



Who We Are

Break Through Cancer is a new foundation whose mission is to promote and support inter-institutional, collaborative cancer research in order to accelerate significant improvements in the treatment of some of the deadliest cancers.

Break Through Cancer will leverage the strengths of its partner institutions to form collaborative teams of expert investigators and fund inter-institutional research and clinical development programs using the most advanced technologies and approaches available today, and invent new ones for the future. With counsel from a Scientific Advisory Board (from outside the partner institutions) and its Chief Science Officer, the Foundation will assemble innovative, expert teams, and help them overcome obstacles at all levels in order to achieve true breakthroughs.

Our partner organizations are:

- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- The Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT

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Our Focus

Break Through Cancer will initially focus on historically highly challenging cancer types, including pancreatic cancer, ovarian cancer, glioblastoma, and acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) for its initial programs, aided by the guidance of a Scientific Advisory Board of cancer experts from outside the participating institutions. Teams will receive substantial funding to bring new approaches and new thinking as rapidly as possible to the most significant clinical challenges of cancer.