



THE BIG NETWORK: GLOBAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION TO CURE BREAST CANCER

For over 20 years, BIG's academic research groups have been working together to find better treatments and cures for breast cancer

The Breast International Group (BIG) is an international not-for-profit organisation that represents the largest global network of academic research groups dedicated to finding cures for breast cancer. Its mission is to facilitate and accelerate breast cancer research at an international level.

In 1999, BIG was founded with the aim to address fragmentation in European breast cancer research. Research groups from other parts of the world rapidly expressed interest in joining BIG and, more than two decades later, BIG represents over 50 like-minded research groups from around the world and reaches across approximately 70 countries on 6 continents.

Through its network of groups, BIG connects several thousand specialised hospitals, research centres and world-class breast cancer experts who collaborate to design and conduct pioneering breast cancer research. Each BIG group plays a crucial role. The combined expertise, collaborative spirit, dedication and hard work are essential to improving the lives of patients confronted with breast cancer. BIG is thus global and local.

More than 30 clinical trials are run or are under development under the BIG umbrella at any one time. BIG also works closely with the US National Cancer Institute and the North American Breast Cancer Group, to act as a strong integrating force in the field of breast cancer research. Thanks to this global collaboration, BIG enrolls large numbers of patients from around the world into clinical trials quickly, which in turn leads to faster results.

BIG's research is supported in part by its philanthropy unit, known as BIG against breast cancer. This denomination is used to interact with the general public and donors, and to raise funds for BIG's purely academic breast cancer trials and research programmes.

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AFRICA

BGICS Breast Gynaecological International Cancer Society

ASIA

BDPCC Breast Disease Professional Committee of CMEA

BIEI Breast Intergroup of Eastern India

CTRG Cancer Therapeutics Research Group

HKBOG Hong Kong Breast Oncology Group

ICON ARO Indian Co-operative Oncology Network

IOSG Indian Oncology Study Group

JBCRG Japan Breast Cancer Research Group

KCSG Korean Cancer Study Group

SKMCH & RC Shaikat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre

TCOG Taiwan Cooperative Oncology Group

TSCO Thai Society of Clinical Oncology

AUSTRALASIA

BCT-ANZ Breast Cancer Trials Australia and New Zealand

TROG Trans-Tasman Radiation Oncology Group

EUROPE

ABCSG Austrian Breast & Colorectal Cancer Study Group

AGO-B Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gynäkologische Onkologie Breast Study Group

BOOG Borstkanker Onderzoek Groep

CEEOG Central and East European Oncology Group

CT-IRE Cancer Trials Ireland

DBCG Danish Breast Cancer Cooperative Group

EORTC BCG European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Breast Cancer Group

FBCG Finnish Breast Cancer Group

GBG German Breast Group

GCSG Georgian Cancer Study Group

GEICAM Spanish Breast Cancer Group

GOIRC Gruppo Oncologico Italiano di Ricerca Clinica

HSBS Hellenic Society of Breast Surgeons

HeCOG Hellenic Cooperative Oncology Group

HORG Hellenic Oncology Research Group

IBCG Icelandic Breast Cancer Group

IBCSG International Breast Cancer Study Group



IBIS International Breast Cancer Intervention Studies
ICCG International Collaborative Cancer Group
ICR-CTSU Institute of Cancer Research - Clinical Trials & Statistics Unit
IJB-CTSU Institut Jules Bordet Clinical Trials Support Unit
ITMO Italian Trials in Medical Oncology
MICHELANGELO Fondazione Michelangelo
NBCG Norwegian Breast Cancer Group
NCRI-BCSG National Cancer Research Institute - Breast Cancer Clinical Studies Group
SABO Swedish Association of Breast Oncologists
SAKK Swiss Group for Clinical Cancer Research
SLO Société Luxembourgeoise d'Oncologie
SOLTI Breast Cancer Research Group

SUCCESS Study Group
SweBCG Swedish Breast Cancer Group
UCBG Unicancer Breast Group
WSG Westdeutsche Studiengruppe

LATIN AMERICA

GAICO Grupo Argentino de Investigación Clínica en Oncología
GECO PERU Grupo de Estudios Clínicos Oncológicos Peruano
GOCCHI Chilean Cooperative Group for Oncologic Research
GOCUR Grupo Oncológico Cooperativo Uruguayo
LACOG Latin American Cooperative Oncology Group

MIDDLE EAST

IBG Israeli Breast Group
ICRC Iranian Cancer Research Center
SBCG Sheba Breast Collaborative Group

NORTH AMERICA

CCTG Canadian Cancer Trials Group

TOGETHER, BIG MEMBER GROUPS ARE STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT AND PERSISTENT IN FINDING CURES FOR BREAST CANCER