



September 23 is #RareCancerDay

The National Organization for Rare Disorders' (NORD®) Rare Cancer Coalition® is comprised of 30+ rare cancer-focused advocacy organizations from our larger Membership Network of more than 350 rare disease nonprofit organizations. We believe unity in rare disease awareness, advocacy, and education improves outcomes for all patients. While rare cancers share many challenges with the broader rare disease community, there are also many challenges that are unique to the rare cancer experience. **Awareness, advocacy, and education improves outcomes for all patients.**

RARE CANCER FACTS

Over 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses in the U.S. are rare.¹



All pediatric cancers are rare, and are among the thousands of rare diseases that impact 15 million children in the U.S.²



Rare cancers account for 25% of all cancer deaths.¹



Like other rare diseases, rare cancers can be extremely challenging to diagnose, resulting in **numerous physician visits, misdiagnosis, and substantial delays in diagnosis** that can devastate families emotionally and financially.⁴



Because patient numbers battling a specific rare disease or rare cancer are so small, **expertise, research and development funds are lacking**, yet desperately needed.⁴



There are more than 500 types of rare cancers.³



NORD's Rare Cancer Coalition® recognizes rare cancers among the more than 10,000 known rare diseases, of which fewer than 5% have treatments³. On Rare Cancer Day, join NORD and the Rare Cancer Coalition in the fight to help save lives for all rare disease patients, including those with rare cancers.

RARE CANCER COALITION® MEMBERS



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