

Funding of Consortium Initiatives

To be considered for funding, programmes must fall within the areas of scholar exchange, information technology, clinical trials, cancer prevention, or cancer registries, as identified in the Memorandum of Understanding. Projects must be consistent with the three health departments' policies and strategic cancer plans. Also projects must demonstrate benefits to cancer care and research in the three jurisdictions or demonstrate potential for wider applicability.

Each partner directly funds its share of programmes established under the auspices of the Consortium.

In 2003, Ireland and Northern Ireland provided funds in the following areas:

- Scholar exchange
 - Nurses' clinical research programme
 - Prevention courses
 - Epidemiology fellowships
- Clinical trials network
 - Funding of nine hospitals to develop the capacity for clinical trials, as part of the All-Ireland Cooperative Group for Cancer Clinical Trials
 - Headquarters function in Dublin
 - Statistics and data management function in Belfast
- Information technology
 - Implementation of uniform patient data collection system
 - Expansion and updating of TELESYNERGY®
- Cancer registries
 - Support to harmonise data systems and spur new epidemiology research

In 2003, the National Cancer Institute provided:

- In-kind expenses related to training
- Travel support
- On-site expenses for information technology installation
- On-site expenses for scholar exchange programmes