



The Consortium

Origins of the Consortium

- Established in October 1999 as an alliance between the cancer communities of the island of Ireland and the U.S.
- Promotes joint cancer research and educational collaborations through sharing of resources.
- Operates under a Memorandum of Understanding renewable every five years.

How the Consortium Operates

Enhances cancer research and quality of care on the island of Ireland by:

- Intensifying cooperation in cancer treatment and research leading to improved scientific programs across the continuum of cancer.
- Focusing on education and training, treatment, information dissemination, epidemiology, prevention, surveillance, early detection, and quality control/palliative care.
- Increasing research capacity in health economics and cancer policy analysis.
- Facilitating epidemiology, clinical trials, nursing, and prevention programs.
- Supporting efforts to enhance infrastructure for information technology/telemedicine.

Governed by:

Board of Directors that includes the Chief Medical Officers of Ireland and Northern Ireland and the Director of the NCI:

- Meets at least twice a year to determine scope of activities.
- Establishes working groups to carry out programs.
- Develops and submits an annual activities report to the DoHC of Ireland, the DHSSPS of Northern Ireland, and the DHHS of the U.S.
- Monitors progress of working group activities in accordance with the Consortium's mission.

Supported by:

Strategic Advisory Group appointed by the Board that includes representatives from the three jurisdictions:

- Meets at least twice a year to advise the Board of Directors on Consortium programs and research, including assembling necessary expertise to assess issues and developing/monitoring Consortium Working Groups.
- Serves as liaison between the Working Groups.

Assisted by:

Six ad hoc Working Groups that:

- Address issues on major program interest areas.
- Advise on specific issues by monitoring areas of need.
- Make recommendations on special areas of interest and expertise.