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About the Swiss Cancer Institute

Research Institution of national Relevance Art. 15 FIFG



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Clinical research for a cure tomorrow

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About the SCI

The Swiss Cancer Institute ensures a needed joint national approach in Switzerland

- The SCI is responsible for the majority of academic multicenter research in oncology in Switzerland
- The SCI has been supported as a research institution of national relevance under Art. 15 FIFG by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation for over 50 years

- Hôpitaux Universitaires Genève
- Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois
- Hôpital du Valais
- Réseau Hospitalier Neuchâtelois
- Hôpital Fribourgeois
- Spitalzentrum Biel
- Inselspital Bern
- Spital Thun
- Solothurner Spitäler
- Universitätsspital Basel
- St. Claraspital Basel
- Kantonsspital Aarau
- Kantonsspital Baden
- Luzerner Kantonsspital
- Universitätsspital Zürich
- Hirslanden
- Stadtspital Zürich Triemli
- Kantonsspital Winterthur
- Spital Thurgau
- Hoch Health Ostschweiz
- Kantonsspital Graubünden
- Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale
- Hôpital Riviera-Chablais



Clinical Cancer Studies across All Types

Our 20 research groups conduct multi-center clinical cancer studies across all types of cancer and all disciplines throughout Switzerland.

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Lung Cancer


Breast Cancer


Gastrointestinal Cancer


Gynecological Cancer


Pathology


Leukemia


Lymphoma


Developmental Therapeutics


Urogenital Tumors


CNS Tumors


Head & Neck Cancer


Melanoma


Sarcoma


Section Radio-Oncology


Cellular Therapies


Network for Cancer Predesposition


Network for Outcomes Research


Imaging in Diagnostics & Therapies


Registries


Supportive Palliative Geriatric Oncology

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Facts & Figures 2025

1 Network

for Clinical Cancer Research with a global impact

~70 Active Clinical Trials

– thereof 36 actively recruiting

40 Scientific Articles

published, 32 poster presentations and 24 oral presentations at major oncology congresses

20 Research Groups

conduct cross-center clinical cancer studies across all types of cancer and all disciplines throughout Switzerland

~75 Employees

– a dedicated team with 65 full-time positions – make an effort for better chances of recovery and improved quality of life for patients

23 Members

Including all University Hospitals and leading hospitals in Switzerland

950 Researchers

Our network and community includes 900 researchers across all disciplines and all leading hospitals in Switzerland

~1000 Patients

newly recruited into trials each year, trusted in our research and participated in our trials. Thank you!

12 Swiss Cancer Institute Projects

and four external research ideas were discussed with the Patient Advisory Board

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Importance of clinical cancer research

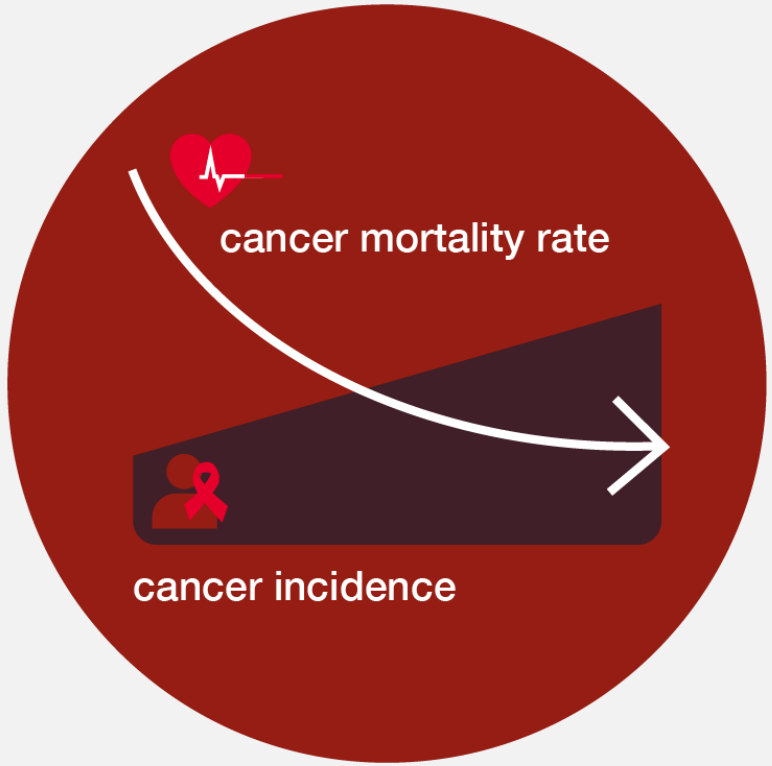
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~1 in 3 of us will face cancer.

46,000 new diagnoses each year in Switzerland.

16,500 deaths every year in Switzerland.

Thanks to scientific progress and clinical research, the mortality rate is sinking.



1980	2020
~50	~70

5-year survival rate across all cancer types, in percent

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Why does Switzerland need independent clinical cancer research?

Research questions arising from everyday treatment practice: **Which topics matter most to cancer patients and the healthcare system?**

- ✓ Quality of life and longer survival, better therapies
- ✓ Patients with comorbidities, older patients, and differences by sex and gender
- ✓ Interdisciplinary collaboration
- ✓ Toxicity and quality of life: Can less intensive treatment be equally effective?
- ✓ Swiss data that represents everyday treatment practice in Switzerland

National network – Quality standards – Healthcare and healthcare costs

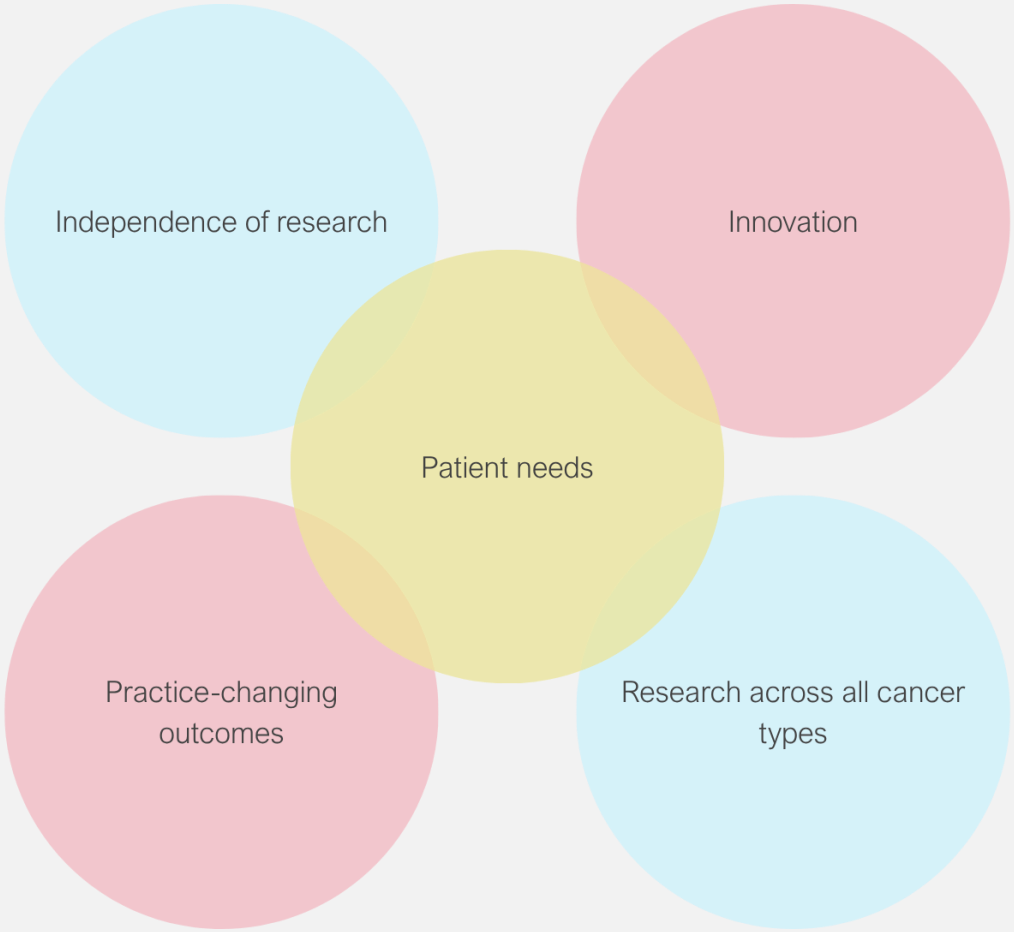
- ✓ The quality of healthcare is linked to clinical research
- ✓ Talent development and fostering young researchers
- ✓ Data ecosystem

Fast access to new drugs and technologies and their application in everyday clinical practice

- ✓ Collaboration between industry and academia
- ✓ The economic importance of an innovation and research hub

Built around patient needs

- Driven by real patient needs, not market priorities
- Clinical research developed together with patients and clinical oncologists



Our impact

- ~45% of our studies lead to practice-changing outcomes
- Driving 63% of multicentric, clinical academic oncology trials in Switzerland
- Reaching ~80% of cancer patients across Switzerland
- ~70 active clinical trials enabled across our network
- Strong national and international research network



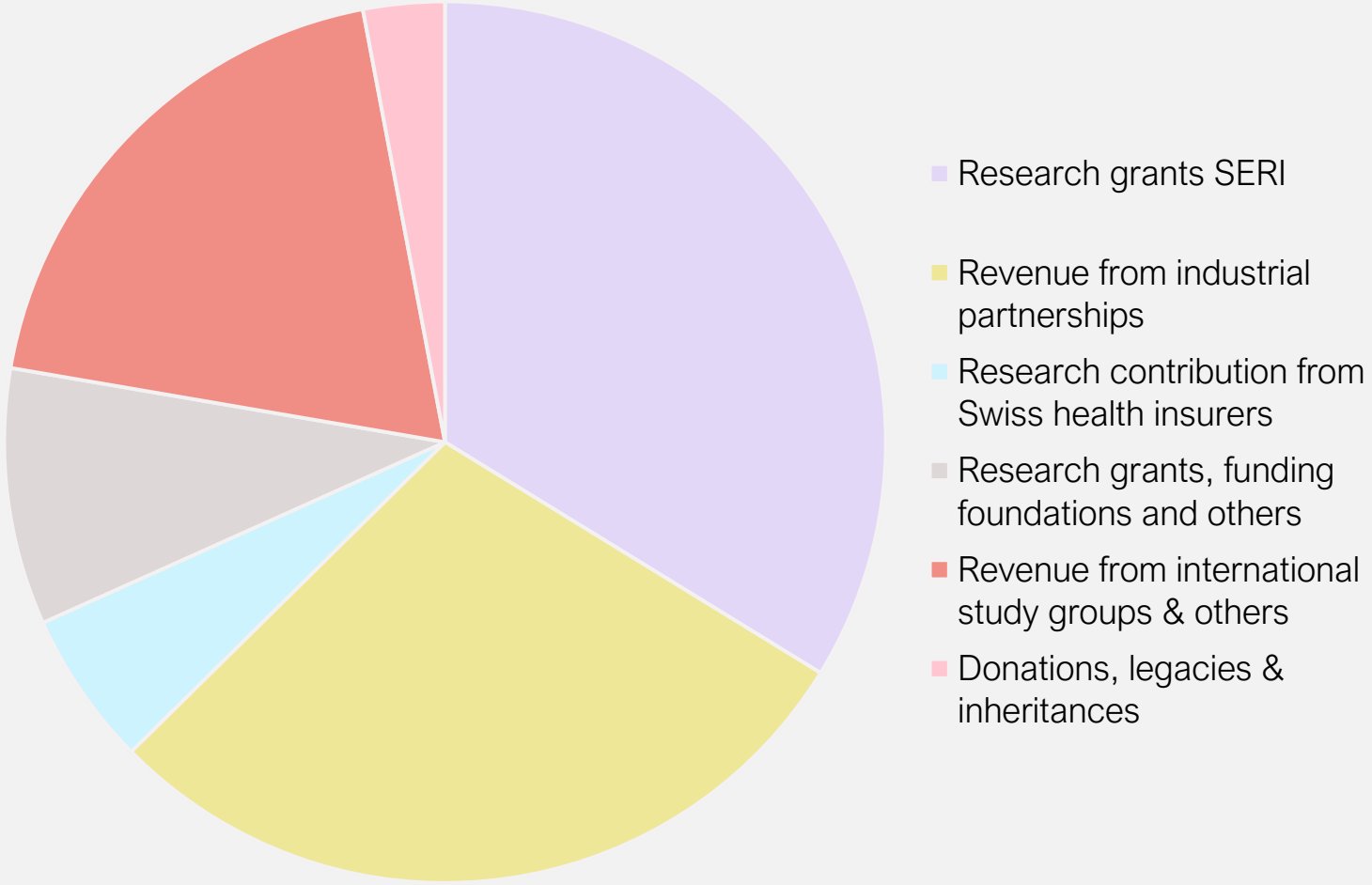
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Challenges

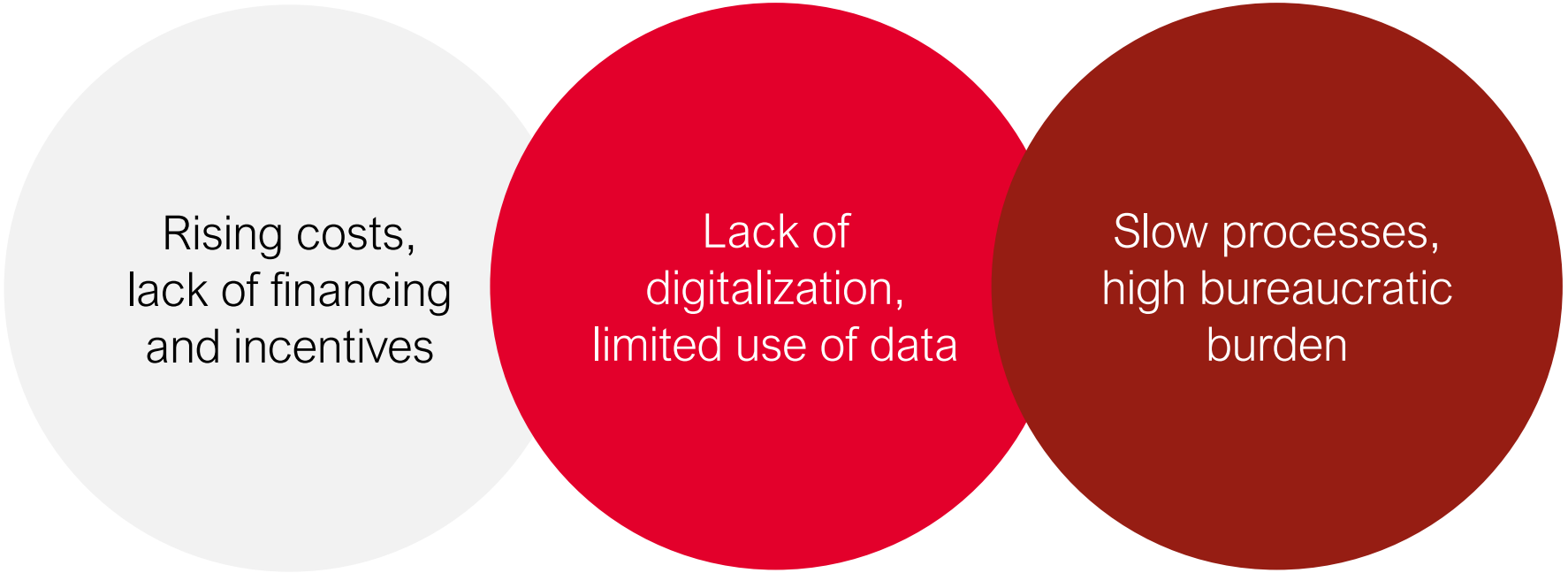
Funding, Budget & Unmet Needs

- Vast majority of pragmatic clinical trials at Swiss Cancer Institute cost around CHF 1.5 – 2.5 Mio each. These costs are incurred over several years and have the potential to change clinical practice.
- 50+ approved trials waiting for completion of funding

Revenue in 2025: approx. CHF 16 Mio.



Framework challenges for clinical cancer research

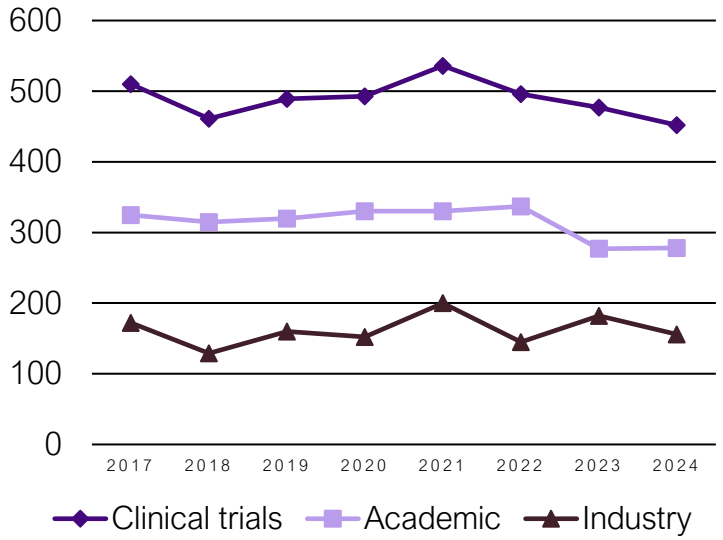


50 SCI trials are in the pipeline but are held back by the challenges in clinical cancer research.

Result: Clinical cancer research is conducted elsewhere

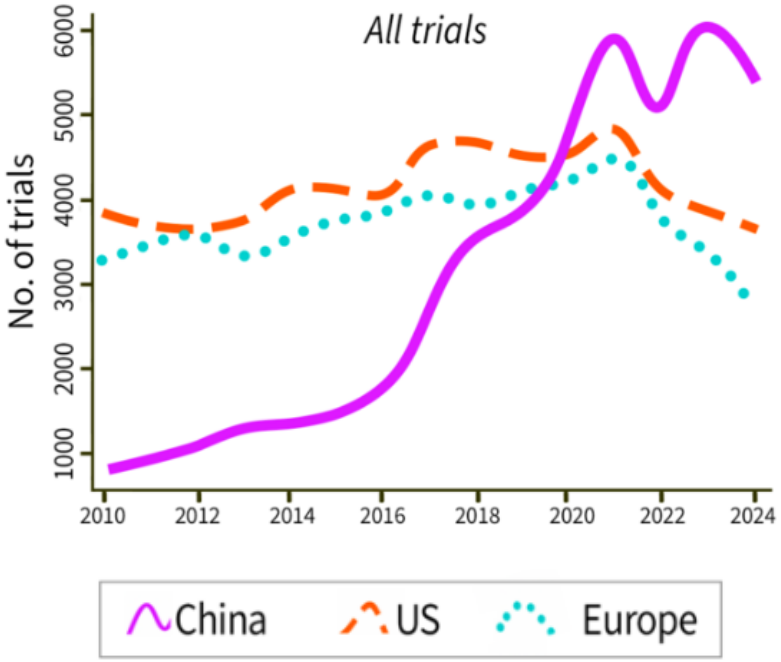
- Switzerland's clinical trial numbers are stagnating
- Meanwhile, China invests massively in infrastructure, simplifies regulation, and incentivizes research. The result is clear

Clinical trials are declining in Switzerland (esp. academic)



Source: Human Research in Switzerland, Federal Office of Public Health

While they rapidly increase in China



Source: Stanford Center on China's Economy and Institutions

Our 3 Demands

Sustainable funding for independent clinical cancer research

- Increase federal funding for independent clinical cancer research
- Add location-incentive measures — grants, tax credits, less red tape — as seen in some cantons and abroad

Faster, cheaper, less bureaucratic processes

- One national ethics committee instead of 7 regional ones
- Fast-track procedures at Swissmedic, and recognition of international approvals

Accelerate digitalization and patient access for research

- Clear responsibilities and legislation; mandatory national oncology dataset
- Single data collection, no extra hurdles from Swiss-specific data protection rules

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Thank you for your interest in Clinical Cancer Research!

Driving innovation. Delivering immediate patient impact.

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List of current trials