

What we do

Hartwig Medical Foundation is a unique Dutch initiative that enables advances in cancer research. It is the first national DNA data 'sequencing' centre, and brings personalised cancer care a step closer.

National databank

Hartwig Medical Foundation collects, in a single databank, genetic and clinical data from cancer patients from across the Netherlands. The data are made available for research to improve the care of future cancer patients. The process of data collection is coordinated with affiliated hospitals.

Hartwig Medical Foundation is a national initiative whose hallmark is uniquely Dutch, combining ground-breaking science, innovative entrepreneurship and teamwork to seek pragmatic solutions for one of the biggest health problems of our time.

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KWF believes in the strength of quality research to fight cancer and – for that reason – endorses Hartwig Medical Foundation's objectives.



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National and multidisciplinary initiative

Hartwig Medical Foundation works closely with academic institutions, hospitals and experts from a range of organisations, such as oncologists, pathologists, geneticists, scientists, researchers and IT experts. Research using the data from the databank is undertaken by experts throughout the Netherlands and in close cooperation with international partners.

The objectives of Hartwig Medical Foundation are endorsed by all academic hospitals which are part of NFU (Dutch Federation for Academic Medical Centres), and the Antoni van Leeuwenhoek hospital.

There are similar international initiatives in the area of DNA-analysis for medical application. Hartwig Medical Foundation is in contact with initiatives in England, Scotland, France and Germany, and aims to play a leading role in supporting European initiatives in the field of personalised cancer treatment.