

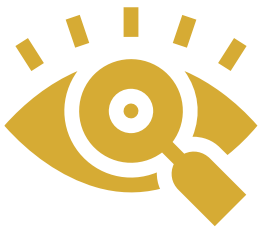


Indian Pediatric Hematology Oncology Group

# Strategic Plan

2026 - 2030

# VISION



**To improve survival and quality of life for all children affected by cancer and blood disorders in India.**

This vision reflects INPHOG's long-term aspiration, to ensure that every child in India who is diagnosed with cancer or a blood disorder has the best possible chance to survive and to live a healthy, fulfilling life.

It recognises that survival alone is not enough; children require access to timely, effective, and evidence-based care that also preserves their physical, emotional, and social well-being.

The vision underscores INPHOG's commitment to working nationally and collaboratively to reduce disparities in care, advance scientific knowledge, and strengthen outcomes for all children, irrespective of geography or socioeconomic background.

## MISSION



To improve outcomes for children with cancer and blood disorders in India through collaborative research.

The Mission articulates how INPHOG intends to contribute to achieving the Vision. It emphasizes that meaningful, high-quality collaborative research is a powerful way to advance diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, and long-term survivorship.

The Mission stresses the goal of making research accessible, equitable, and relevant to children across India. By strengthening networks, standardizing processes, and building capacity, INPHOG aims to ensure that every child can benefit from advances in knowledge whether through participation in research studies, improved clinical practice informed by research, or the availability of innovative protocols developed through collaboration.

This Mission reflects INPHOG's role as a facilitator, convener, and enabler of research that improves outcomes at scale.

# VALUES



An ethical, inclusive, multi-disciplinary and scientifically rigorous organization, dedicated to patient and family centric research, care and innovation.

## 1. Inclusive

INPHOG is committed to involving a broad and diverse group of stakeholders including clinicians, researchers, nurses, allied health professionals, patients, families, and partner institutions from all sectors in all aspects of its work. Inclusivity ensures that decisions and priorities reflect the needs and perspectives of the entire childhood cancer and blood disorder community and leads to equitable access across all geographic locations.

## 2. Multi-disciplinary

Childhood cancer and blood disorders require expertise from many fields. INPHOG values collaboration across specialties such as oncology, hematology, surgery, radiology, pathology, nursing, palliative care, psychology, nutrition, and others. A multi-disciplinary approach strengthens the quality and impact of research and patient care.

### **3. Patient and Family Centric**

Children and families are at the centre of all INPHOG initiatives and are actively involved in shaping our efforts in collaborative research. This means that research priorities, study designs, and collaborative activities must be grounded in what benefits patients the most, improving outcomes, reducing treatment burden, and supporting long-term well-being.

### **4. Ethical**

INPHOG is committed to the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability in all research activities. Ethical practice includes protecting patient rights and safety, ensuring responsible use of data, adhering to regulatory norms, and fostering trust among patients, families, clinicians, and partners.

### **5. Scientific Rigour**

INPHOG is dedicated to conducting high-impact, evidence-based research. By maintaining robust research standards and fostering innovative methodologies, every study generates reliable findings that directly improve survival and quality of life for children with cancer and blood disorders.

# STRATEGIC GOALS

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## 1. Drive research efforts

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## 2. Increase real-world impact

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## 3. Build organizational capacity

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## 4. Raise funds

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## 5. Foster partnerships

with national and international organisations

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# STRATEGIC GOAL – 1

**Drive research efforts** in childhood cancer and blood disorders anchored by equitable access, scientific rigour, and local context.

- **Build research capacity** across individual centres to enable multi-centre trial participation.
- **Establish a national pediatric hematology-oncology registry** to track incidence and outcomes across India, providing the foundational data backbone.
- **Launch a research grants program** offering seed funding for innovative, locally relevant research.
- **Enable investigator and subcommittee meetings** for active peer collaboration.
- **Identify research priorities** that drive study, budget allocation, and policy influence, through multi-stakeholder engagement exercises including people with lived experience.
- **Advocate for policy-level prioritization** of collaborative research in the National Childhood Cancer Plan.

## STRATEGIC GOAL – 2

**Increase real-world impact** by maximizing the visibility and translation of INPHOG research into clinical practice, guidelines, and policy.

- **Develop a knowledge translation strategy** to inform practice and set clinical standards.
- **Develop simple, multi-lingual study information** across digital platforms and hospital physical spaces to inform patient and families.
- **Enhance the visibility of studies** through publicly accessible channels.
- **Establish annual research meeting** to share study insight and disseminate results.
- **Build targeted, evidence-driven advocacy campaigns** based on research outputs.

## STRATEGIC GOAL – 3

**Build organizational capacity** with necessary technical, operational and governance structures to deliver on the mission.

- **Hire a CEO and dedicated leads** for fundraising, research, and operations.
- **Form a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)** to increase scientific rigor .
- **Create a Patient and Parent Advisory Group (PPAG)** to embed lived experiences and communicate to the patient community.
- **Standardise study operations** by establishing comprehensive SOPs, harmonized documentation, data governance frameworks and a central ethics review mechanism.
- **Establish a Clinical Trials Unit** featuring a shared REDCap electronic data-capture platform, a biobank and clinical trials management system.
- **Provide regular training** to all clinical research staff including clinical research coordinators, research nurses, and investigators.
- **Implement continuous monitoring** to ensure regulatory compliance, protocol adherence, and high-quality study execution across all participating centers.

## STRATEGIC GOAL – 4

**Raise funds** to support core organizational infrastructure, research capacity building and national collaborative studies.

- **Obtain Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) recognition** to allow government research grants.
- **Get Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration** to enable international research grants and global funding.
- **Develop channel-specific messaging** to maximize contributions across Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs), digital crowdfunding, and signature fundraising events.
- **Create targeted funding mechanisms** for donors to adopt disease and priority-specific research projects.
- **Attract unrestricted capital contributions** to build a sustainable research corpus.
- **Mobilize the community** of caregivers, survivors, civil society partners and healthcare providers to lead fundraising galas, awareness walks and peer-to-peer campaigns.

## STRATEGIC GOAL – 5

**Foster partnerships** with national and international organisations.

- **Increase engagement with key government bodies** (such as Indian Council of Medical Research) and be recognised as a national nodal network for pediatric hematology-oncology research and trial coordination.
- **Strengthen the foundational relationship with Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Chapter (Indian Academy of Pediatric)** and support them in their objectives.
- **Build academic collaborations** with national professional societies and international research consortiums.
- **Partner with civil society organizations and patient advocacy groups** to amplify patient voices and scale the real-world impact of collaborative initiatives.
- **Collaborate with pharmaceutical, biotechnology and diagnostic industry** to pilot and implement locally relevant drug and diagnostic trials leveraging INPHOG's clinical network capabilities.



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