ACCELERATE is a nonprofit organization committed to advancing the development of innovative therapies for children and adolescents with cancer. All the essential stakeholders in childhood cancer drug development come together to find solutions, always promoting a problem-solving and patient-centered approach.
There are over 350,000 new cases of cancer in children and adolescents worldwide each year, 50,000 only in Europe and United States combined. Despite improving survival rates, cancer is still the first cause of death by disease beyond one year of age.

Today, there are nearly half a million of EU citizens surviving a childhood cancer. Two-thirds of them will have late side effects of treatment, which are severe and impact on the daily life of half of those affected. There is not only a need to cure them, but also cure them better.

Our Name is Our Mission!

Paediatric Strategy Forums: Researchers, regulators, industry representatives and advocates analyse data then prioritise research strategies for urgent therapeutic problems.

Research and Working Groups to solve tough problems such as novel clinical trial designs, close academic/industry collaborations, and enrollment of adolescents in adult trials.

ALADDIN, an educational program on strategic and regulatory science in paediatric oncology drug development to foster expertise and strengthen true multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Annual Conferences: The perfect opportunities to integrate new ideas into novel strategies to advance new therapies as well as ensure international collaborations among stakeholders to break silos.
ACCELERATE’s network of more than 1000 experts and patient advocates around the globe is making a difference. ACCELERATE prioritises and assesses promising drugs early to meet patients’ needs with a focus on timely and equal access to affordable new medicines for children and adolescents with cancer.

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PROGRESS

- 11 Paediatric Strategy Forums
- 23 scientific publications
- 11 Annual Conferences resulting in 9 Research Working Groups
- New Educational Program and international webinars
- US and EU regulators report coordinating evaluations of companies’ paediatric drug proposals
- Biopharmaceutic companies report ACCELERATE’S programs change their paediatric drug plans
- Clinicians implement new internationally coordinated novel trial designs
- Patient Advocates offer families’ real world perspectives on scientific issues