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Ahead of World Cancer Day 2021, All.Can is proud to join the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and the global cancer community in supporting this year's campaign theme **"together, all our actions matter"**.

In line with World Cancer Day's ambition of bringing about lasting, positive change together, All.Can counts on the support of the global cancer communities to the calls to action listed below, as it continues to work towards achieving sustainable cancer care policies, whilst driving efficiency and outcomes in holistic care pathways, focusing on what matters most to patients and society.

- Engage and listen to [patients](#)¹ and their representatives in evaluating and improving cancer care
- Promote an evidence-based and data-driven learning system to allow continuous updates to policies and drive improvements in care
- Break down silos at both health system and health service level, to foster efficiency across the entire health system and to ensure a coordinated, multidisciplinary health workforce which is able to effectively tackle cancer as well as cancer-related symptoms and complications
- Support healthcare professionals and providers who play a key role in addressing inefficiencies to share learnings and drive change
- Use technology and data, and invest in innovations shown to be of value to support and complement care provision

All.Can's President, Alex Filicevas, underscores: "A significant share of health expenditure is at best ineffective and at worst, wasteful; around 20% of health spending could be directed towards better use, according to various reports². To achieve better health outcomes for patients while contributing to health systems' overall sustainability, resources should be allocated³ better and used smarter. Efficient cancer care delivers the best possible health outcomes using the human, financial, infrastructural and technological resources available, focusing on what really matters to patients and society. This is the mission that drives us as a multi-stakeholder global organisation".

Eduardo Pisani, All.Can's CEO, explains what World Cancer Day means for All.Can: "Together, all our actions to improve efficiency matter, and will drive positive change across the health system and society. For cancer patients, this may mean hope for a cure for their disease, extended survival and/or improved quality of life during and beyond treatment. For the general public, it may be the prevention of cancer, prompt and accurate diagnosis, adapted care delivery and equal access to care. Researchers and healthcare professionals benefit from efficiency because it helps them to maximise the impact of the treatments provided. The best possible health outcomes are also essential to economic growth and they play a major

¹ [Patient insights on cancer care: opportunities for improving efficiency](#) – Findings from the international All.Can patient survey conducted amongst 4000 patients over 11 countries

² OECD (2017), *Tackling Wasteful Spending on Health*, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264266414-en>.

³ Wait, S. et al. "Towards sustainable cancer care: Reducing inefficiencies, improving outcomes—A policy report from the All.Can initiative." *Journal of cancer policy* 13 (2017): 47-64.



role in reducing social exclusion. Through the All.Can Efficiency Hub, we gather examples of best practice from around the world to create a learning community around efficiency in cancer care, with practical solutions to common problems in care organisation and delivery”.

Since last year’s World Cancer Day, improving efficiency in cancer care has become a more pressing need than ever in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Disrupting care for already vulnerable cancer patients and undermining the sustainability of healthcare systems, the crisis is expected to have profound and long-lasting repercussions. Against this backdrop, a key concern remains ensuring the appropriate use and allocation of limited resources to deliver the best possible outcomes for patients.

All.Can stands ready to support policy initiatives to inform and generate public and political engagement on the need to improve efficiency in cancer care by generating new evidence and facilitating the exchange of knowledge and best practices, enhancing cross-country collaboration, and building new partnerships around the world.

About All.Can

All.Can is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative to inform and generate political and public engagement on the need to improve the efficiency of cancer care by focusing on what really matters to patients and the society. All.Can seeks to make sure resources are directed towards achieving better health outcomes while contributing to health systems’ overall sustainability.

Established in 2016, the All.Can initiative brings together a diverse membership base including policymakers, academics, patient organisations, healthcare professionals and industry.

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