



Introducing a new global community in bile duct cancer: the Global Cholangiocarcinoma Alliance (GCA)

Cholangiocarcinoma, also known as bile duct cancer, is a rare cancer with high mortality rates. The worldwide incidence is increasing, presenting a significant challenge to healthcare professionals and ultimately patients. The epidemiology of the disease varies between regions, with risk factors well defined in some areas, and poorly in others.

The new, collective voice of the Global Cholangiocarcinoma Alliance (GCA) will be heard for the first time when it launches on World Cholangiocarcinoma Day, February 12, 2019. The GCA has united to establish a global community in cholangiocarcinoma through international collaborations, and will work towards improving the future for patients with cholangiocarcinoma across the globe.

"The Global Cholangiocarcinoma Alliance will empower all of us who are united by the vision of a better future for everyone affected by cholangiocarcinoma, enabling us to work with a collective voice worldwide for raised awareness and more international research towards improved treatments and, ultimately, a cure." **Helen Morement, [AMME](#), United Kingdom**

"Cholangiocarcinoma is a global problem that we can only hope to solve with a global solution" **Stacie Lindsey, [The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation](#), United States**

"The mission of the GCA is to compassionately and masterfully improve the lives of patients and advance scientific knowledge worldwide" **Susan Acquisto, [The Bili Project](#), United States**

The GCA is guided by a highly experienced steering committee, bringing together the current worldwide expertise of leading physicians, researchers, representatives from patient advocacy groups and professional societies.

"The GCA initiative is essential to emphasize education, international collaborations and raising a public voice for the silent patient" **Professor Jesper Andersen, [European Network for the Study of Cholangiocarcinoma](#), Denmark**

"I am proud of the GCA and the global initiative to combat this fatal disease." **Professor Narong Khunitkeo, [Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation of Thailand](#) and [CASCAP](#)**

Through awareness activities such as [World Cholangiocarcinoma Day](#), February 12, 2019, the GCA will work tirelessly to ensure we achieve our shared vision of raising awareness of cholangiocarcinoma in order to improve prevention, survival and the quality of life of patients globally.

"The GCA will be instrumental in further understanding cholangiocarcinoma and its worldwide prevention and treatment" **Doctor Vincenzo Cardinale, [European Network for the Study of Cholangiocarcinoma](#), Italy**

The GCA is supported by a network of international organizations who are all equally passionate about the vision and mission of the GCA.

“TargetCancer Foundation is proud to collaborate with our global partners” Jim Palma, [TargetCancer Foundation](#), United States

“AMMF is proud to work with the Alliance”, Helen Morement, [AMMF](#), United Kingdom

“The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation is pleased to join hands with our partners around the world in this important effort to improve access and treatment options for all cholangiocarcinoma patients” Stacie Lindsey, [The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation](#), United States

The GCA is supported by [Scientific Education Support \(SES\)](#) who act as the secretariat. SES loves nothing more than building communities and networks to facilitate education through collaboration, ensuring that patients have access to the latest support and treatment options.

For more information on the GCA please visit: www.globalccaalliance.com. For all press and media enquires please contact: secretariat@scientificeducationsupport.com.

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GCA Steering Committee

- Helen Morement – AMMF – *The Cholangiocarcinoma Charity – United Kingdom*
- Stacie Lindsey – *The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation – United States*
- Susan Acquisto – *The Bili Project Foundation – United States*
- Jim Palma – *TargetCancer Foundation – United States*
- Professor Narong Khuntikeo – *Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation of Thailand, and CASCAP – Thailand*
- Professor Puangrat Yongvanit – *Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation of Thailand, and CASCAP – Thailand*
- Professor Ross Andrews – *Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation of Thailand, and CASCAP – Thailand*
- Doctor Vincenzo Cardinale – *European Network for the Study of Cholangiocarcinoma – Italy*
- Professor Jesper Andersen – *European Network for the Study of Cholangiocarcinoma – Denmark*

International Community Partners

A growing network

- AMMF – The Cholangiocarcinoma Charity www.ammf.org.uk
- The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation www.cholangiocarcinoma.org
- The Bili Project Foundation www.thebiliproject.org
- TargetCancer Foundation www.targetcancerfoundation.org
- Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation of Thailand <http://www.cca.in.th/home/>
- Cholangiocarcinoma Screening and Care Program (CASCAP) <https://cascap.kku.ac.th/>
- Cholangiocarcinoma-UK <http://www.basl.org.uk/index.cfm/content/page/cid/28>
- European Network for the Study of Cholangiocarcinoma <http://www.enscca.org/>

