



Paediatric Therapeutic Development Workshops

Over the past year, supporting organization member [LifeArc](#) has been hosting a series of 12 virtual workshops bringing together experts in childhood cancer to discuss the latest scientific evidence and where future research should focus.

The workshops are being conducted in coordination with [ITCC](#), [Cancer Research UK](#) and patient advocates from [PROTECT](#), and each one focuses on a different type of childhood cancer. Workshop participants include scientific researchers, clinicians, patient advocates and patient organizations. The aim of the workshops is to:

- map patient unmet needs across cancer types
- understand where there are gaps in our scientific understanding
- discuss and prioritize promising targets for future drug development (*targets* are molecules in the body that play an important role in a disease)
- explore which types of drugs (*drug modalities*) should be used on the targets
- discuss access to existing drugs, and potential new drug combinations to progress into clinical trials

A summary of the discussions and key recommendations is shared with workshop participants. LifeArc has identified actions from the workshops and will be actively supporting and monitoring these to see how research is progressing in the priority areas identified.

They are also preparing scientific publications and lay summaries to communicate the outputs of the workshops with the wider childhood cancer community, and look forward to sharing these summaries with the CAC2 network over the coming months.

If you're interested to learn more about the workshops, please reach out to Natasha Ratcliffe (natasha.ratcliffe@lifearc.org).

To learn more about LifeArc's childhood cancer initiatives, visit:
<https://www.lifearc.org/translational-challenges/childhood-cancer>