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**Independent and publicly funded
research: a new global model**

The importance of clinical research

- Clinical research is vital to the development and improvement of methods to prevent, detect and treat cancer.
- The majority of clinical trials take place in the developed world through sponsored pharmaceutical company research.
- The corresponding lack of research in developing countries results in two unmet needs related to cancer treatment in the developing world.

Unmet needs in developing countries

- First, recommended treatments do not reflect ethnic (genetic), cultural and resource differences between developed countries and developing countries that are not subject to clinical research.
- Second, there is little research conducted on those cancers that are primarily found in developing countries.
- Thus the ability to diagnose and treat these diseases is impaired.

Global need for training and additional funding sources

- Taking into consideration this global situation, it is critical to promote clinical research in developing countries.
- The main focus of our efforts need to be on training of research professionals (data managers, research nurses, etc.) in all aspects of research.
- This should be done within a local context, and include training on how to identify resources to fund research, in addition sponsorship provided by pharmaceutical companies.