

Our Sustained Commitment

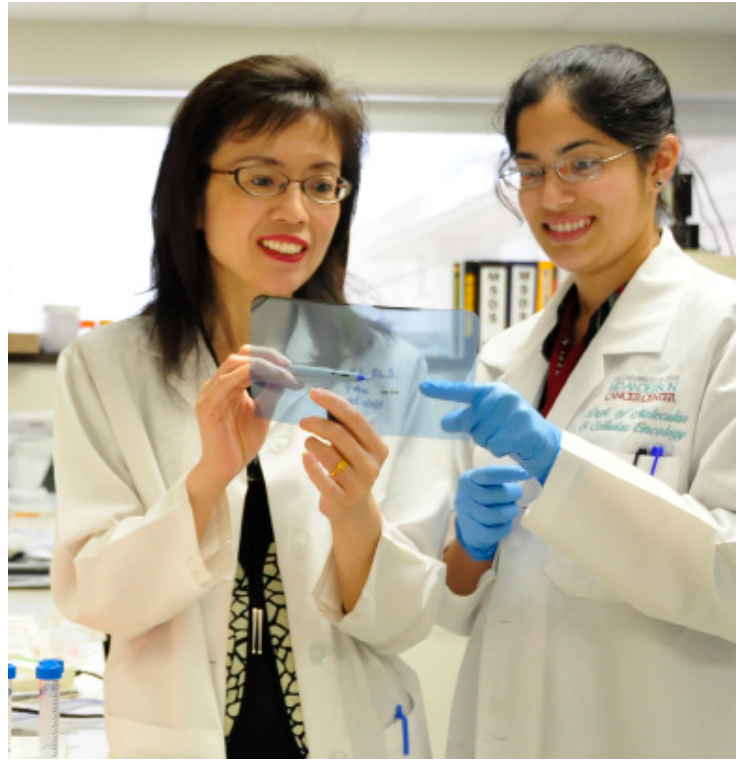
We began with a single grant for \$28,000 in 1982.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has funded research each year since we started in 1982.

- We have invested more than \$500 million in research since 1982.
- We are the largest non-government funder of breast cancer research in the world.
- We currently manage nearly 760 active research grants totaling nearly \$300 million.
- We have supported a broad range of research from basic biology to treatment to survivorship.

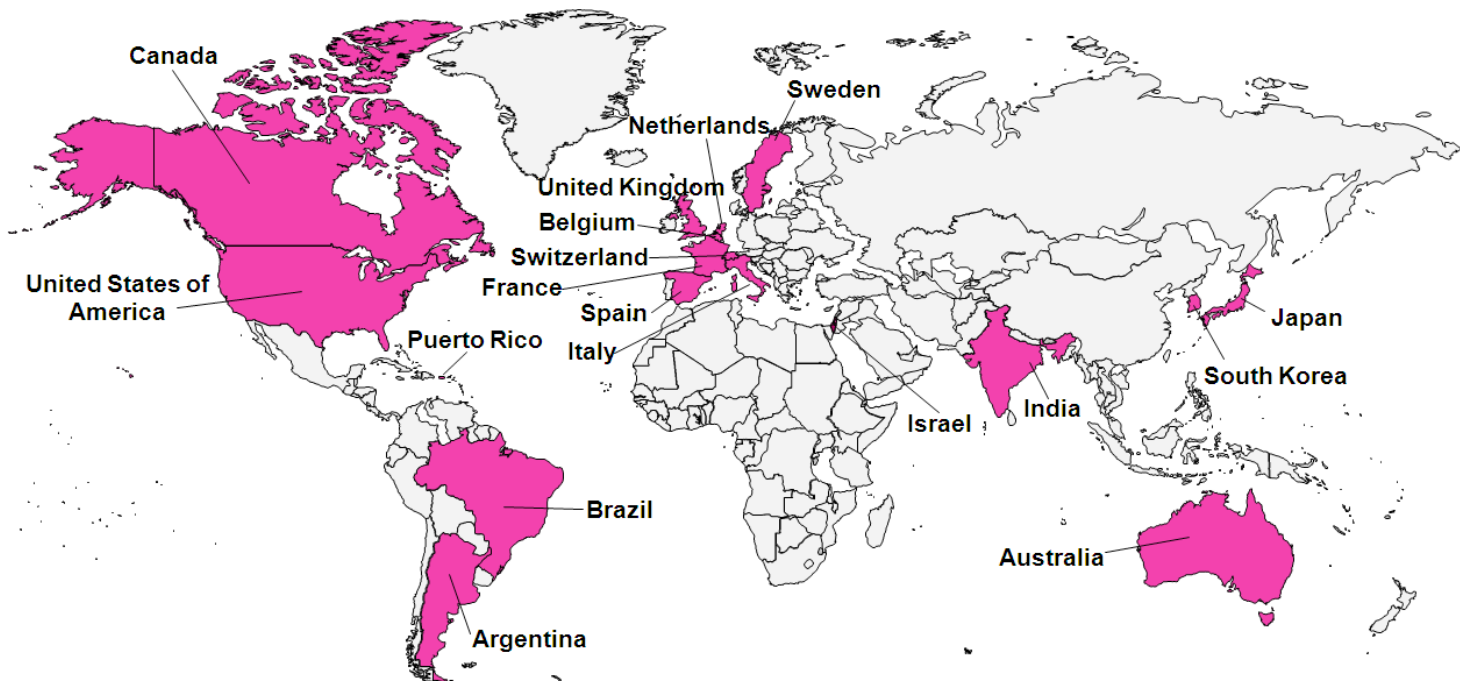
Our Global Reach

As the global leader in the fight against breast cancer, Komen funds research in 18 different countries. This research allows us to foster international collaboration and to seize unique opportunities to understand differences in breast cancer biology and to translate these into new prevention and treatment approaches that will end breast cancer forever.



Dr. Dihua Yu and her student Sumaiyah Rehman in the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center discuss new data from studying molecular alterations in early stage breast cancer for their 2009 Komen funded Promise Grant project.

Global Distribution of Komen Awards (1982-2009)

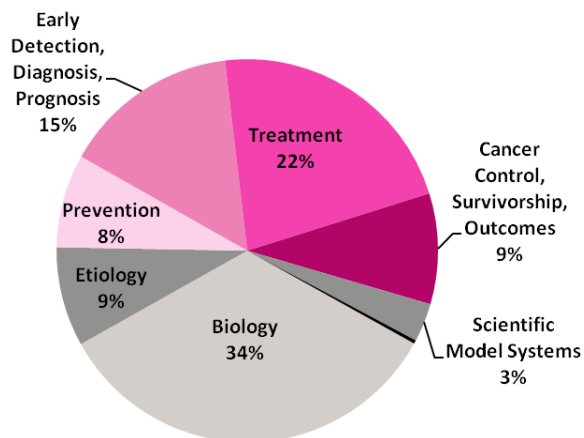


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Our Approach

To effectively support our focus on reducing breast cancer incidence and/or deaths within the decade, our research grants range from training awards that attract young investigators into the field of breast cancer to large Promise Grants supporting multiple integrated clinical and laboratory projects that come together to answer critical questions in breast cancer. Along this continuum, Komen supports Investigator Initiated Research Grants from established investigators and Career Catalyst Research Grants that seek to move promising young investigators toward research independence.

Research Grants by Primary Topic: 1982-2009



Our Strategic Focus

When Komen first started funding breast cancer research, a large portion of our funding focused on biology because we didn't know very much about breast cancer. Now that we understand many of the ways that cells become disrupted to grow 'out of control' and become cancer cells, our research focuses largely on translational research that uses our current knowledge to speed the discovery of new ways to reduce risk, identify cancer cells at earlier and earlier stages when treatment is most effective, develop new treatments and ultimately prevent breast cancer.

Our Emphasis on Disparities

We have designed a series of grants that provide training and research support specifically focused on understanding disparities in breast cancer outcomes across different groups. Our Post-Baccalaureate Training grants help students who have just graduated from college define careers addressing disparities. At the next stage of training,



Dr. Michael Rosenblatt and Kristen Anderson in the Tufts University laboratory discussing data related to their 2007 Komen-funded project.

Postdoctoral Fellowships provide mentor-based training focused on understanding and overcoming disparities. As trainees move toward independence as established researchers, we have Career Catalyst and Investigator Initiated Research Grants in disparities. Collectively, these research grants ensure development of this critical research area as well as advances in our understanding of the basis for disparities and strategies for addressing them.

Our Stewardship of Research Investments

Komen is committed to ensuring excellence, efficiency, and transparency throughout the grants lifecycle - from application to management. We actively promote the availability of funding and applications are rigorously peer reviewed by clinical and scientific experts and trained advocates. The Komen Scientific Advisory Board recommends how available funds are allocated across different types of grants. Komen's Board of Directors makes all final funding decisions.

Once selected for funding, Komen's unique online management system allows science managers to efficiently and thoroughly monitor expenditures, progress and outcomes. Additionally, Komen seeks to serve as a resource for grantees and to identify unique opportunities for partnership and collaboration across grantees.

We have been involved in every major advance in breast cancer research since 1982 helping to extend the lives of thousands of women and men and improving the quality of life for millions.