

## The V Foundation for Cancer Research

was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary college coach, ESPN commentator and a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer. The V Foundation's mission is funding game-changing cancer research and all-star scientists to accelerate Victory Over Cancer<sup>®</sup> and save lives.



Photo by Roger Winstead

## We are the best stewards of your dollars.



of direct donations go to research for **ALL types of cancer.**

*The V Foundation's endowment covers administrative expenses.*



Your donation goes to the **best and brightest scientists** from all backgrounds, who are seeking breakthroughs in all stages of the cancer journey.



We have received **12 consecutive 4-star ratings (out of 4)** from Charity Navigator, a leading charity evaluator, placing us among the top 2% of charities evaluated.



We are also a **GuideStar Platinum Transparency** rated charity.

## Our Impact on Cancer Research

**We have awarded over \$353 million in cancer research grants** (1,258 grants total) (over 1,080 unique researchers) to 163+ institutions.

Since 1991, the **overall cancer death rate has decreased by 33%.**

This translates to **4.1 million fewer cancer deaths** during 1991 through 2021.

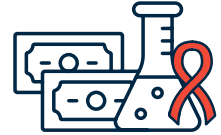
Researchers funded by the V Foundation have collectively, throughout their careers, been connected to **over 1,000 clinical trials** to work on more targeted therapies and cancer treatments of the future.



What does this show?

**We fuel the creativity of scientists and the bold ideas they have in pursuit of game-changing breakthroughs and saving lives.**

# Our Grant Process to Select the Best of the Best



The V Foundation invites each of the **72 National Cancer Institute-designated cancer facilities** to nominate researchers for funding consideration.

The V Foundation's **Scientific Advisory Committee** and ad hoc expert reviewers evaluate and recommend the best proposals for funding.

Grant recipients are **awarded funds** for their research. Progress reports are submitted annually.

Funding of critical cancer research brings us closer to **Victory Over Cancer®**.

## V Foundation Funded Researchers Making a Difference

The gene SMARCB1 acts as the captain of our superhero squad, maintaining order and preventing disruptions in our body, especially when it comes to the bladder. When SMARCB1 isn't working right, bladder cancer can grow (unchecked) and spread. To tackle this problem, **Dr. Pavlos Msaouel**, a doctor and researcher at MD Anderson Cancer Center, **discovered that the drug TTI-101:**

- Could be utilized as a therapeutic solution
- Strengthens the SMARCB1 gene's abilities
- Reduces the harmful effects of bladder cancer and slows its growth

TTI-101 is a drug designed by another V Foundation researcher, **Dr. David J. Tweardy**, also from MD Anderson Cancer Center. TTI-101 inhibits pathways which, when overactive, contribute to the aggressive behavior of bladder cancer cells.



*Pavlos Msaouel, M.D. Ph.D.,  
2022 Translational Grantee*

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