



GO THE DISTANCE

Raise vital funds to help bring better cancer treatments closer to home.





This April, challenge yourself to go the distance, so other's don't have to.

CAR T-cell cancer therapy is transforming cancer care globally, but remains out of reach for most New Zealanders due to cost and accessibility.

Right now, New Zealanders with aggressive blood cancers have to travel thousands of kilometres overseas for a chance at life-changing CAR T-cell therapy, that is if they have the means to and are well enough to travel. Many can't. Some miss out entirely.

This April, we're asking people across New Zealand to take on a distance challenge of their own – walking, running, cycling, swimming or moving however they choose – to help bring CAR T-cell therapy closer to home.

Every kilometre completed and every dollar raised will help fund the Malahan Institute's ENABLE-2 trial – a critical step towards making CAR T-cell therapy available through New Zealand's public health system.

Your distance, your challenge, your impact.

Go the Distance is all about you choosing a distance that feels right – big or small, competitive or personal. The goal is to pick something that challenges YOU.

Take it on solo, rally the troops or move your workplace, there are plenty of ways you can make a difference and help bring CAR T-cell therapy closer to home.



“CAR T-cell therapy works in a fundamentally different way to other cancer treatments such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

I hope our CAR T-cell therapy will become available in the next few years as a routine treatment.”

Professor Robert Weinkove
Clinical Director, Malaghan Institute



Why we're going the distance.

Because treatment shouldn't require a passport.

Too many New Zealanders must travel overseas for CAR T-cell therapy – at immense personal, emotional and financial cost.

Because research unlocks access.

Funds raised help complete the ENABLE-2 trial – a crucial step towards making CAR T-cell therapy available in New Zealand.

Because distance becomes momentum.

Every kilometre and every dollar will help bring this life-changing treatment closer to home and the people we love.

JANELLE

“Seven years ago, my husband Kurt died of blood cancer. When he was diagnosed, we had a four-month-old daughter. Less than a year later, he was gone. When chemotherapy failed, we were told there were no other treatment options left.

“At the time, CAR-T immunotherapy wasn't available in New Zealand. We worked tirelessly to get Kurt to Boston to take part in a CAR-T trial, at enormous personal and financial cost, and far from the comfort of home and family during his final months. It was an incredibly challenging experience, on top of what was already a living nightmare.



“Since then, CAR-T treatment has come an incredibly long way, and I've seen firsthand how powerful it can be. Every day, seven New Zealanders are diagnosed with blood cancer, and it shakes lives to the core.

“I'm honoured to be a part of the Go the Distance campaign, fundraising to help bring CAR-T therapy to hospitals across New Zealand. I'm going the distance, so that you and your favourite humans won't have to.”

DAVID

“I am taking on this fitness challenge for a simple reason. I know what it means to go the distance for cancer treatment. I made 12 trips to Boston for CAR T-cell therapy because New Zealand did not have the capability at the time.

“By helping the Malaghan Institute secure funding for its clinical trial, we can help bring this treatment home and spare future patients the exhaustion, cost and disruption of leaving their lives behind during an already critical time.”



However you choose to Go the Distance, it's best to do it YOUR way!



Sign up and set your distance

Register for free and set a distance goal that works for you — walk, run, ride, swim or move your way throughout April.



Share and fundraise

Personalise your page, share why you're going the distance and invite friends, whānau and colleagues to sponsor your kilometres.



Go the Distance!

Track your kilometres throughout April and help bring CAR T-cell therapy closer to home for New Zealanders with cancer.

Go the Distance, win prizes!

Your efforts are worth celebrating!

Thanks to our generous partners and sponsors, your fundraising milestones will unlock digital badges, exclusive merch and prize draw entries.

While the cause is powerful on its own, a little extra motivation never hurts.

Wear your Go the Distance merch proudly and show your support for better cancer treatments and the power of immunotherapy.

And there's another benefit too – physical activity boosts your health and immune system, helping you feel stronger while supporting life-saving research.



Need inspiration? We've got you covered.

Choose a set challenge or create your own! Pick a distance that suits your lifestyle, your goals and your reason for going the distance – then decide how you'll get there. Remember, whether it's 50km, 350km or something totally unique, every challenge helps bring life-changing cancer treatment closer to New Zealanders in need.

100km

Your distance, your challenge:

Everyday movement challenge

Can you move 3km a day? This challenge might be perfect if you want something achievable alongside everyday life.

Just 3-4km a day adds up to 25km a week, 100km in a month!

200km

Building momentum challenge

Want to push yourself further and achieve something amazing? If you already enjoy being active and want to step out of your comfort zone, this challenge is for you!

500km

Ultimate distance challenge

A bold challenge for those who want to push their limits! If you think you have what it takes to walk, run or cycle the equivalent of 25+km a day, this might be the perfect challenge for you to sink your teeth into.

Ready to Go the Distance?

Scan the QR code to get started and together, we can Go the Distance and bring CAR T-cell therapy to New Zealand – and into the lives of those we love.



A woman with dark hair tied back, smiling, wearing a dark blue hoodie with the text "GO THE DISTANCE" and a teal graphic of a person running. She is standing on a green field with yellow and blue lines. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

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"Taking part in this challenge means helping build better visibility and understanding of science and, most importantly, supporting more families to hold their loved ones closer for longer."

Rebecca Palmer, Malaghan PhD Student