



Don Listwin is founder and chairman of Canary Foundation, the nation's only non-profit organization devoted exclusively to early detection of cancer, when it is most treatable and chances for full recovery are greatest.

A 25-year veteran of the technology industry - he was CEO of Sana Security, Openwave and had been the #2 executive at Cisco Systems - Listwin launched Canary Foundation as a way to address the imbalance in cancer research. Less than 15 percent of research funding goes to early detection, even though early detection and intervention are far more effective than late stage treatment.

Listwin's motivation is his family, which has been deeply affected by cancer. Listwin's father is a colon cancer survivor, and his mother died of ovarian cancer. Her death prompted Listwin to become personally involved in finding a cure -- pledging millions of dollars to early detection research at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Stanford Medical School, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and other leading cancer institutions. Additionally in 2004, Listwin decided to dedicate his efforts full time and launched Canary Foundation in order to dramatically accelerate early detection research activities. Listwin's personal overall financial commitments to cancer research have surpassed \$22 million.

Canary Foundation has assembled teams of cancer researchers recognized by their peers as leaders in their disciplines from across multiple institutions to attack the problem of early detection in a new, collaborative, action-oriented manner with the foremost objective of translating research into clinical applications.

Canary hopes that by delivering on the first effective test for early detection of cancer it will spur a dramatic increase of funds into the early detection field from the National Cancer Institute and the venture capital community so that products based on this research will arrive faster and save millions of lives per year. One day screening for cancer will become as universal as tests for cholesterol, and most cancers will be detected early and eliminated.

Listwin serves on the Board of Directors of GenoLogics Life Sciences, Public Library of Science, Calix Networks, Clustrix Systems, Stratos Biosciences and the Listwin Family Foundation. He is on the External Advisory Board for the Center for Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence (CCNE) at Stanford and a member of the Stanford Advisory Board for the Canary Center at Stanford. Don is a member of the NCI's Board of Scientific Advisors, a member of the Board of Trustees at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and also serves as a member of The Melanoma Cancer Center at The Moffitt Cancer Center.

A native of Canada, Listwin holds a B.S. in electrical engineering and an honorary doctorate of law from the University of Saskatchewan.

Canary Foundation's mission is to deliver early detection tests for solid tumor cancers by 2015.

100% of donations goes to early detection research activities

Canary Foundation, named after the "early detection" role canaries once played by alerting coal miners of hazardous fumes, is the first nonprofit devoted exclusively to early detection. All administrative costs are underwritten by operating grants.

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