1. What is Cycle for Survival?

Cycle for Survival is the national movement to beat rare cancers. At the heart of our movement is a series of national indoor team cycling events. The 2016 events marked the 10th year of rides. In February and March, about 27,000 riders and more than 200,000 supporters united to fight rare cancers. With the support of our founding partner, Equinox, our community raised over $30 million in 2016, with a total of more than $105 million since 2007.

100 percent of those donations fund research studies, clinical trials, and major research initiatives led by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, which owns and operates Cycle for Survival. We are determined to ensure that every person facing a rare cancer has the treatment options they need to fight their disease.

2. What is a rare cancer?

Rare cancers include brain, pancreatic, ovarian, stomach, all types of pediatric cancers and many others—yet they often don't attract the research dollars needed for new therapies and treatments. When you add all of the rare cancer cases together, they account for approximately half of all cancer diagnoses. This means that nearly 50 percent of people fighting cancer are fighting a rare cancer.

3. Who benefits from the funds raised by Cycle for Survival?

100 percent of the funds raised are allocated within six months of the events to fund the most promising rare cancer research, clinical trials, and large-scale research initiatives led by Memorial Sloan Kettering. Doctors and researchers who have received Cycle for Survival funding credit these resources for making groundbreaking discoveries possible—advancing vital research where little to no funding existed—to benefit patients around the world.

4. What is Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center?

Cycle for Survival is proud to be part of Memorial Sloan Kettering. Founded in 1884, Memorial Sloan Kettering is the world's oldest and largest private cancer institution. At Memorial Sloan Kettering, physicians and scientists work closely to discover ways to prevent, control, and ultimately cure cancer. Memorial Sloan Kettering’s legacy of innovation is unparalleled, having produced more FDA-approved drugs for the treatment of cancer than any other single academic institution.

5. How is Equinox involved with Cycle for Survival?

Equinox, the founding partner of Cycle for Survival, is essential to the event’s success. The company dedicates significant time and resources to raise awareness and funding for Cycle for Survival. Each year, Equinox donates their world-class clubs, as well as the time and energy of their exceptional instructors to help make Cycle for Survival an unforgettable experience. Their unwavering support has helped the ride grow exponentially from one indoor cycling studio in New York City in 2007, to rides in 15 cities across the country.

6. Where does Cycle for Survival take place?
Cycle for Survival has grown into a national movement, with the indoor team cycling events taking place in 15 locations across the country: Bethesda, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Greenwich (CT), Long Island, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Palo Alto, Paramus (NJ), San Francisco, Seattle, Summit (NJ), and Washington DC. Satellite events also take place throughout the year in cities across the country. To learn more about participating in Cycle for Survival or starting your own satellite event, visit CycleforSurvival.org.

7. How much of my gift will be directed to research?

100 percent of every dollar raised by Cycle for Survival goes directly to Memorial Sloan Kettering for rare cancer research studies and clinical trials.

8. How do I register for the events in February and March, and is there a fee?

For teams of riders, it's free to register. There is a minimum team fundraising requirement of $1,000 per bike, with four to eight teammates per bike. “Extreme” riders have their own bike for the four-hour ride, and commit to raising $4,000. Go to CycleforSurvival.org for details and registration.

9. How long do I ride?

Teammates take turns during the four-hour indoor cycling shift, which is divided into four, 50-minute back-to-back riding sessions. It’s up to the team captain to determine when and for how long each team member rides. Anyone can ride, regardless of athletic ability. Participants can pedal hard or hardly pedal!

10. I don’t have a team to join, but I'd like to participate. What are my options?

Please contact the Cycle for Survival staff at CycleforSurvival@mskcc.org, who will do their best to find a team for you to join. If you’d like to ride the entire four-hour shift on your own, consider signing up as an Extreme Rider. If you aren’t interested in riding, but wish to donate or learn more, visit CycleforSurvival.org.