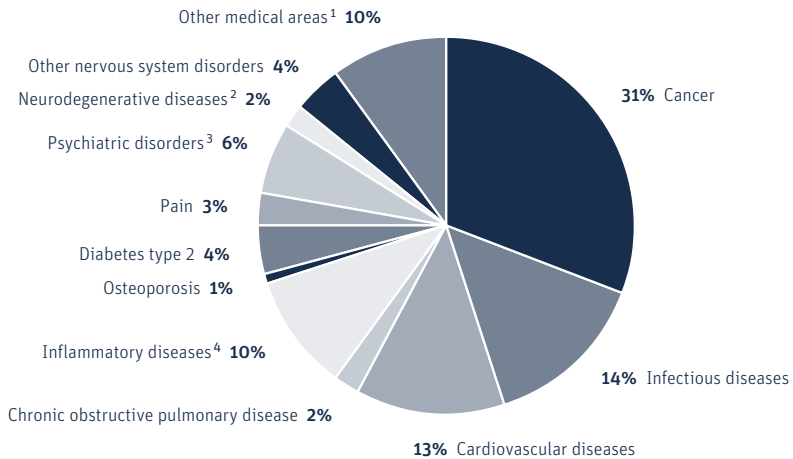


Pharmaceutical Projects by vfa Member Companies Promising Success by 2013

Distribution in various medical areas; overall number of projects: 442



¹ Each individual project accounts for 1% or less

² Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease

³ Depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, etc.

⁴ Rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, psoriasis, etc.

Source: vfa

The vfa member companies are working on thousands of drugs. Pharmaceutical projects for medications to treat some 110 diseases have progressed so far that they could lead to marketing authorization by the end of 2013. Most of these projects target cancer (31 percent), cardiovascular diseases (13 percent) and infectious diseases (14 percent) but a particularly large number of drugs are also being developed against inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and type 2 diabetes (adult-onset diabetes).

A total of 97 percent of the projects are concerned with severe diseases, some of them life-threatening; only three percent address less serious physical disorders such as incontinence or menopausal discomfort.