The Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre

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The Wolfson Foundation is pleased to have been involved in funding cancer research in Glasgow over many decades. Glasgow has become an international leader in cancer research and the opening of the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre marks a new phase in the historic partnership between the Foundation and the University of Glasgow.

The treatment I received in Glasgow saved my life, riding my body of cancer while treating me not as a collection of symptoms but as a unique human being – taking care of me physically, emotionally and spiritually. I support the Beatson Pebble Appeal so that others may have the same opportunity to be restored to health as I had.

Jennifer Moses

‘There is nowhere in the world better to work on cancer research than Glasgow because of the strength of our research community from basic cancer biology, drug discovery and translational medicine, to clinical trials – all supported by outstanding facilities and technologies.’

Professor Jeff Evans
Director, Institute of Cancer Sciences

‘As a cancer survivor, I look forward to a time when every patient can be successfully treated.’

Margaret Goodfellow

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Floor by floor: How the building works

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I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our supporters whose energy and commitment has been, and continues to be, inspiring. With the facilities now in place, Glasgow has the potential to have a transformative impact on the future of cancer research. The Beatson Pebble Appeal continues to raise funds to maximise the potential for ground-breaking cancer research discoveries within the University of Glasgow’s cancer research laboratories by funding world class scientists and purchasing state of the art equipment. Thank you for your generosity and I look forward to your continued support.

Professor Sir Michael Bond
Campaign Chair

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The opening of the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre completes the implementation of the Cancer Research Strategy in Glasgow. We are using the latest technologies to develop innovative approaches to realise the promise of personalised medicine for people affected by cancer. The ultimate aim is to provide the right treatment, to the right person, at the right time, at the right cost and with the right outcomes.

Philanthropic funding from members of the public has already had a transformative impact on research and the generosity of our supporters will continue to accelerate the development of new therapies.

Professor Andrew Biankin
Director
Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre

The University of Glasgow has an outstanding reputation as a powerhouse for world-class research. It has one of the largest and most diverse research bases in the UK, with world-class research in cancer one of its major research priorities.

In recent years, the University has worked to consolidate the international reputation it has earned in this area by investing over £20 million in new facilities and thus maintain its leading contribution to treatment, prevention and other advances in cancer. Having state-of-the-art technologies and equipment, the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre strengthens the world-leading facilities already in place in Glasgow.

Professor Anton Muscatelli, Principal & Vice-Chancellor
University of Glasgow

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'I want to be involved in the development of more effective treatments for cancer patients and ultimately help find a cure. The best way I can do that is to continue to raise funds for this very important project.'
Lynn Murray, Cancer survivor

'I have survived cancer twice. In 1997 I was diagnosed with Leukaemia 9 months after my wedding to my husband John. I was 26 years old. It’s only through advances in research that I am here today to tell my story.'
Adrienne MacDonald

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