

# A CUSTOM JOB ON CANCER

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### PROFESSOR OWEN SANSOM

Director, Cancer Research UK Beatson Institute

Owen's research career has spanned 20 years, during which time he has published over 250 papers on cancer in scientific journals. He runs a large research group at the CRUK Beatson Institute, focussing on pancreatic and bowel cancers and he has recently branched out into liver cancer research. Owen has been instrumental in determining the genes that are important for the development of these cancers. His research uses a wide range of cell culture and mouse models to look at how errors in these cancer-causing genes are involved in the generation of primary tumours and how these tumours spread to other parts of the body. The models are studied to investigate the underlying biology of these cancers, providing information for developing new treatments. By collaborating with researchers in the pharmaceutical industry, he uses these models to test new drug treatments prior to them being used in clinical trials. Owen is involved in a number of large research initiatives that incorporate basic cancer research and precision medicine clinical research. Owen and Jen Morton work together on the PRECISION-Panc preclinical programme of work.

### PROFESSOR ANDREW BIANKIN

Regius Professor of Surgery

Director, Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre, University of Glasgow

Chairman, PRECISION-Panc Therapeutic Development Platform

Executive Director, International Cancer Genome Consortium

Professor Andrew Biankin is the Regius Chair of Surgery at the University of Glasgow, a Cancer Research UK Clinician Scientist, a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Academy of Medical Sciences. He is the Director of the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre which is focused on precision oncology. He plays leadership roles in national and international consortia in cancer genomics and therapeutic development. He has authored over 160 articles in major journals including seminal works on cancer, genomics and precision medicine.

His work is currently focused on implementing Precision Oncology Practice in Health Systems internationally.



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### DR JEN MORTON

Associate Scientist, Cancer Research UK Beatson Institute  
Honorary Lecturer, Institute of Cancer Sciences, University of Glasgow

Jen Morton is head of the Cancer Research UK PRECISION-Panc Preclinical Laboratory at the CRUK Beatson Institute in Glasgow. Jen first started research into pancreatic cancer in 2004 at the University of Massachusetts, USA, and then joined the CRUK Beatson Institute in 2007. Jen's group focuses on using mice to model different subtypes of human pancreatic cancer. This leads to better understanding of the disease and helps to identify new targets for treatment. The team can then trial new treatments in the mice to see if these could work in the corresponding patients. Jen also manages the CRUK Glasgow Cancer Centre preclinical trials unit which supports preclinical trials activity across the centre, and is one of the heads of the Pancreatic Cancer UK Future Leaders Academy based at the Beatson Institute.

### DR STEPHAN DREYER

Specialty Registrar and Research Fellow in Pancreatic Surgery

Stephan Dreyer is a specialty registrar in General Surgery and Clinical Research Fellow with specific interest in Pancreatic and Hepatobiliary Surgery. He completed his medical degree at University of Dundee and has worked as a surgical trainee in Edinburgh and Glasgow since 2010. Over the last 3 years Stephan has taken time out of clinical training as a research fellow with Prof Andrew Biankin and Dr David Chang in developing the clinical pathway for patients that enter PRECISION-Panc. His research interests are geared towards developing clinical strategies in personalised medicine for pancreatic cancer.

### JANICE TANNOCK

Member of Pancreatic Cancer UK's Research Involvement Network

Janice is married to Craig and has one very friendly chocolate Labrador. Has interests in raising awareness of pancreatic cancer. Relaxes by running and works as a Superintendent Radiographer with the West of Scotland Breast Screening Programme.

