

# We're dedicated to funding ovarian cancer research

Because women can't keep waiting for life-saving treatments



## We have a track record to be proud of

We established our research programme in 2012, offering project grants specifically for ovarian cancer research to groups based anywhere in the UK.

In a short time, our research has made a big impact on the research community's understanding and approach to ovarian cancer, inspiring further research projects and funding along the way. We've made incredible progress. But it's not yet enough and we have to build on this momentum.

**Women can't keep waiting. So we must fund more ovarian cancer research.**

## We only fund the highest quality projects

Our research strategy aims to optimise and develop more effective treatments, with a special focus on those that will improve overall survival. As a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC), we apply best practice in funding research, ensuring that only grants of the highest quality are supported. This work is guided by the leadership of our eminent Scientific Advisory Board, and our research advocates, whose lives are directly affected by ovarian cancer. Together they apply a rigorous peer review process with a high degree of scrutiny to grant applications.

## Our research is making a difference

To date an impressive nine publications have been produced from our research projects. They've featured in leading research journals such as *Nature Communications*, *Nature Genetics*, *Science Translational Medicine* and *Cancer Research* – helping to move the global conversation around ovarian cancer research forward.

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Women who lose their lives to ovarian cancer every day in the UK

# £1.5m

The amount we've awarded in research funding

# 10x

We receive 10x more promising research applications than we can currently fund

# 200%

For every £1 we spend on research our researchers secure the same amount in further funding from other sources

## Our research in focus

To date we've funded 10 high-quality research projects. Here are just two of them:

### More effective chemotherapy

**Project:** Unravelling the tumour-immune microenvironment for new ovarian cancer treatment strategies

**Researcher:** Dr Martin Miller

**Outcome:** This study has already shown that chemotherapy can increase the level of helpful immune cells in and around some tumours of people with high-grade serous ovarian cancer. This could help doctors choose the most effective treatments for each person.

### Developing new drugs

**Project:** Genomic drivers and novel treatment strategies in low-grade serous ovarian cancer

**Researcher:** Professor Charlie Gourley

**Outcome:** Few treatments exist for this less common type of ovarian cancer. This project is helping to find more targeted treatments, with an in-depth look at the drug trametinib, why it works better in some tumours than others, and who might benefit from it in future.

## We're part of a community dedicated to ovarian cancer research

### Gillian McLaren, diagnosed with low-grade ovarian cancer when she was 33

"When I was first diagnosed with low-grade serous ovarian cancer, I had limited treatment options – because it's a rarer form of the disease, there has been very little research conducted into developing effective treatments for it. That's really tough for the 700 of us who are diagnosed with this form every year; it impacts each of our lives hugely. We would love to have more research to help us through the other side of a shattering diagnosis and give us the best treatment options."

### Dr Shibani Nicum, Chair – National Cancer Research Institute's Gynaecological Group

"I bring together scientists, clinicians and people affected by ovarian cancer to coordinate research into gynaecological cancers.

"As part of the broader ovarian cancer research community, I'm delighted Target Ovarian Cancer has made strides in developing UK research for this disease. A focus on finding new treatments and improving survival is a must."

## We need you on board

We receive far more top-quality applications for research than we are able to fund. Every additional research project we can fund increases the chances of discovering new ways to test, diagnose and treat ovarian cancer. And that could mean that, in future, far more women get the treatment they need to survive.

**To help, please make a donation to Target Ovarian Cancer.**

Women can't keep waiting. Visit [targetovariancancer.org.uk/FundResearch](https://targetovariancancer.org.uk/FundResearch) now to find out how you can fund the research that could help more women survive ovarian cancer. Thank you.