

Why I support Cancer Research

More than one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their life. This became a reality for me when my husband was diagnosed with liver cancer. After having major surgery on his liver in St James Hospital in Leeds he is now recovering well but nothing is guaranteed. However, the good news is that treatments are improving all the time and today thousands of people are cured every year and many more can benefit from treatments to slow down or halt the growth of cancer.

Research into cancer depends heavily on donations and that is why at the end of every month I donate 5% of every standard lesson to Cancer Research and more recently due to my husband's illness, the Rays of Hope Trust Fund for research into liver cancer (based in St James University Hospital Leeds). I also regularly donate to several other charities including the NSPCC, CAFOD and Guide Dogs for the Blind.



RAYS OF HOPE TRUST FUND

The money raised by Rays of Hope is spent on research and development within the Hepatobiliary Unit at St. James's Hospital and focuses on improving the treatment of patients with liver cancer.

Currently we have six research fellows all working towards PhD's and MD's, looking at new ways of treating patients with cancer of the liver including the development of a vaccine. Much of this work is presented at meetings throughout the world and has been published in international journals. We are one of the largest and busiest liver centres in the world, performing over 300 cancer operations per year. Much of our clinical data has also been published and presented internationally.

None of the money we raise is spent on administration. Most of the funds go towards the laboratory costs of the research fellows as well as running clinical trials and meetings. The laboratory costs for each of our research fellows is approximately £10,000 per year with an overall budget per annum of around £80,000.

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