MESOTHELIOMA MATTERS

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Three more nurses join our expanding team

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Mesothelioma UK has recently funded five Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) posts. Four of the posts are new and one is to replace recently retired CNS, Jan Devlin, in Scotland.

Two of the new posts will cover the London area and the others will cover Kent, and Merseyside and Cheshire.

Rachel Thomas will take on the role of CNS at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital in London where she will advise on clinical trials, provide palliative care and support thoracic case nurse managers.

She said: “Guy’s and St Thomas’ is the largest cancer centre in London and I’m looking forward to bringing my experience and expertise to the role and supporting patients.”

Also in London, but based at St Bartholomew’s Hospital, is Joanne Hargrave. Funded by Mesothelioma UK and a donation from Pat Stone Meso Support, the role will see Joanne support patients in pre-admission and post-discharge for surgery, including the MARS 2 and MesoTRAP clinical trials.

Joanne said: “I’m in a really privileged position as my new role allows me to support and prioritise mesothelioma patients for radical and emerging surgical techniques to help to find a treatment for this devastating disease.”

In Scotland, Carolyn Macrae replaces Jan Devlin as the new CNS. With a growing number of mesothelioma patients in Scotland, it was vital that we maintained our coverage of this area.

Commenting on her new role, Carolyn said: “Working in West Scotland you really see the devastating effects that mesothelioma has had on the local community. You can see the shipyards from the hospital and that’s unfortunately where many mesothelioma patients will have been exposed to the asbestos that causes the disease.

Carolyn brings many years’ experience of working in respiratory medicine and will be based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with the Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Trust. For the next year or so, however, Carolyn will be taking maternity leave and so Laura McNaughton will be covering her post until she returns.

Laura has been a nurse for five years and has worked with patients with mesothelioma and other respiratory diseases for the last three years. Laura and Carolyn will support the national mesothelioma clinical helpline, advise on clinical trials, and provide palliative and end of life care and support.

Louise Gilham will be the new CNS supporting patients across Kent and will be based at Tunbridge Wells Hospital in Pembury.

Louise has worked with mesothelioma and lung cancer patients for the last 20 years and, in addition to clinical care for patients, Louise will also support the teams of healthcare professionals throughout Kent, helping to optimise patient access to treatments and promoting clinical trials.

Louise said: “I’m truly passionate about improving care for mesothelioma patients and have many years of experience to bring to this role including contributions to national practice guidelines.”

Supporting patients in the Merseyside and Cheshire area will be Maria Guerin. Maria will be based at Aintree University Hospital in Liverpool.

Maria has been a Lung Cancer Nurse for 20 years where her role has afforded her vast clinical experience in caring for people with lung cancer. In this role, Maria will not only provide clinical care to patients but will also work with other agencies and support groups to advise patients on matters like welfare benefits and provide a holistic support network.

Louise commented: “Throughout my career I’ve witnessed the devastating impact a mesothelioma diagnosis has on people. There is significant ongoing burden of the disease in this area partially due to employment in the Docklands and the potential access to hazardous asbestos.”

Director of Mesothelioma UK and Consultant Nurse, Liz Darlison said: “We’re absolutely delighted to welcome our new nurses to the team. We now have 18 specialist mesothelioma nurses caring for patients across the UK and we’re going to keep increasing this number to cover the whole of the country.

“The nurses will support our helpline, advise on clinical trials and provide palliative care and support. They will be focused on ensuring the highest standards of care and help us achieve our goal of equitable access to world class care and treatment for all mesothelioma patients.”
A new team is available at University Hospitals Birmingham to help diagnose and treat patients with mesothelioma.

The new Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meets to review patients from across the West Midlands to improve diagnosis, referrals and access to surgical and clinical trials. The MDT is funded by the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity.

Led by Clinical Oncology Consultant, Qamar Ghafoor, the new MDT brings together leading healthcare experts including medical oncologists, clinical oncologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, lung cancer nurses, pathologists, radiologists and palliative care nurses.

Doctor Ghafoor said: “Data has shown that the West Midlands lags behind other parts of the country with regards to mesothelioma and the new MDT will be the first step to improving patient treatment and care. Whereas, previously, we’ve referred patients to the established MDT in Leicester, the creation of this new team will give patients in the West Midlands the same access to medical expertise, locally.”

A spokesperson for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham Charity added: “QEHB Charity exists to provide ‘added extras’ for patients and staff at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, over and above that which the NHS can fund. The Charity is committed to supporting the best treatment available for patients with cancer and is proud to bring such a specialist service to Birmingham.”

Liz Darlison, Mesothelioma UK Director of Services and Consultant Nurse, commented: “One of the aims of Mesothelioma UK is to ensure equal access to first-class treatment and care for all mesothelioma patients. We are delighted that the University Hospitals Birmingham is establishing this MDT and taking steps to give more people access to the medical expertise they need.”
Businesses worldwide will be equipped with new free resources to raise awareness of cancer caused by asbestos exposure in the workplace.

The world’s largest chartered body for safety health professionals - the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) - will be highlighting cancer risks from asbestos, in the fourth phase of its No Time to Lose campaign in 2018.

No Time to Lose, launched in 2014, aims to raise awareness of occupational cancer and help businesses take action by providing free practical resources.

The campaign is highlighting significant carcinogens in the workplace that cause the highest number of cases and deaths. These include asbestos, silica dust, diesel fumes and solar radiation.

Latest research by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), launched at the World Congress for Safety and Health at Work in Singapore, estimated that cancer caused by work claims the lives of at least 742,000 people per year worldwide – one death every 43 seconds.

A study by the Environmental Health Perspectives in 2011 showed that there are more than 14,000 deaths from mesothelioma around the world. In Britain alone, each year, more than 2,500 men and women die from mesothelioma.

Shelley Frost, Director of Strategic Development at IOSH, said: “Asbestos is the biggest occupational cancer killer. To help businesses tackle this serious health issue, IOSH, through its No Time to Lose campaign, is developing a range of resources to help businesses to highlight the risks and educate workers on the dangers of exposure to asbestos.

“There will be factsheets, infographics, leaflets, posters, presentations, films and more – everything businesses need to educate and inform the workforce.

“We are delighted to be working with experts at Mesothelioma UK on this important topic to help raise awareness at events, share resources and provide advice to businesses.”

Over the last three years, IOSH has been raising awareness of occupational cancer caused by diesel fumes, solar radiation and silica dust.

IOSH has also been encouraging organisations to support the campaign and sign up to its pledge to prevent occupational cancer.

Over 220 organisations worldwide are supporting the campaign and have raised awareness of work cancer. More than 100 leading businesses worldwide have also signed up to the pledge to tackle occupational cancer. Through these forward-thinking companies, work-related carcinogens have been highlighted to at least half a million employees globally.

The campaign has also been presented at over 150 events globally, from Ireland to Singapore, reaching over 10,000 delegates.

You can find out more and get involved in IOSH’s No Time to Lose campaign by visiting www.notimetolose.org.uk

We’d like to start a regular ‘Ask the expert’ section in future editions of this magazine. Consequently, we’d really like to hear from you with any questions that our Clinical Nurse Specialists can answer for you.

Maybe you have general questions about preparing for a holiday when you have mesothelioma or how to make sure that you get the most out of your consultations. We hope that the questions will be relatable to many mesothelioma patients who will benefit from the answers.

Please email your question to meso@sandstarcomms.com and we will publish (anonymously) the questions and answers in the next issue.
Macmillan Nurse at East Cheshire NHS Trust, Victoria Adrinka, has provided some essential information on cancer-related fatigue...

Nine out of ten people with cancer feel fatigue at some time with one third of patients reporting it within the first year of treatment.

What is it?
It is different to tiredness which people without cancer can feel. Fatigue leaves you feeling excessively tired or exhausted, all or most of the time. It is not relieved by rest and affects physical, psychological and emotional health.

Cancer-related chronic fatigue
This is a distressing, persistent subjective sense of physical, emotional and/or cognitive tiredness or exhaustion related to cancer or its treatment, that is not proportional to recent activity and interferes with usual functioning.

Causes of cancer-related fatigue
Physical/cognitive/emotional activity, medication, treatment, stress, anxiety, depression, grief/loss, pain, homeostatic processes.

Symptoms of cancer-related fatigue
Headaches, joint/muscle pain, low immunity, breathlessness, nausea, dizziness, heavy limbs, cognitive difficulties (memory, word finding), reduced concentration span, ‘brain fog’, sleep disturbances, tearful, frustrated, depressed, irritability, anxiousness, difficulty making plans.

Consequences of cancer-related fatigue
Loss of fitness/rewarding activity/social contact/motivation/enjoyment and wanting to stay in bed and sleep during the day.

The boom/bust cycle
Often, people get stuck in a pattern of overdoing it, becoming exhausted, resting, recovering, and then overdoing it all again!

Negative cycle of fatigue
There is also a negative cycle of fatigue consisting of reduced energy, denial, frustration, stress, low mood, and reduced energy.

It’s important to break this cycle by accepting the situation and the need to change, gaining professional help, stopping the boom/bust cycle, establishing a baseline and rebuilding tolerance.

Energy balance
To tackle fatigue, it’s important to balance things which can leave you exhausted with things that will revive you. For example, try to reduce physical and cognitive demands, stress, and negative thoughts, and increase healthy foods, positive thoughts, rest, fun and fresh air.

Rehabilitation strategies
Some strategies for managing fatigue include:
- Realistic goal setting i.e. set goals that are meaningful to you
- Setting a baseline i.e. establish energy capacity and set a daily routine
- Sleep hygiene i.e. avoid daytime sleep, bedtime routine
- Rest and relaxation e.g. meditation, mindfulness
- Symptom management
- Management of setback i.e. be kind to yourself, focus on the positives

For more information and support please contact Mesothelioma UK on 0800 169 2409 or the North West Fatigue Clinic on 01772 285155, or visit www.northwestfatigueclinic.co.uk
Since the beginning of 2017, Mesothelioma UK has been glad to have joined the Cancer Nursing Partnership (CNP). This is a partnership of 17 key nursing organisations and communities who are working collaboratively to implement improvements in cancer care.

The CNP is currently working to support the delivery of the Recovery Package to people living with and beyond cancer across the UK. The Recovery Package is a series of key interventions which, when delivered together, can greatly improve outcomes for people living with and beyond cancer, and reduce unnecessary hospital attendance.

These consist of:

- A holistic assessment of the person’s needs and a tailored plan for meeting these, to enable them to maximise their wellbeing post-treatment
- A treatment summary that explains to the GP and the individual what treatment has taken place and what should happen next, giving them confidence to self-manage their condition
- A cancer care review with their GP within six months to ensure that they are getting the support they need
- A health and wellbeing event which aims to educate and empower the person to manage their condition and keep themselves as well as possible

As well as these fundamentals, other areas that may make a difference are:

- Rehabilitation, physical activity and self-management classes to help people manage their condition and keep themselves as well as possible
- Attending a support group. As we say at Mesothelioma UK “everything to gain and nothing to lose”
- Financial advice and help with financial difficulties and issues which may lead to stress, mental health problems and other impacts on wellbeing

We are proud to be a member of the Cancer Nursing Partnership, a unique collaboration representing over 22,000 nurses. Although we currently only have 18 Mesothelioma UK nurses, together we are stronger and better positioned to help people with mesothelioma.

Launch of BLF Mesothelioma Research Network

The British Lung Foundation (BLF) launched its new Mesothelioma Research Network (MRN) at the Wellcome Collection in London in October 2017. The vision of the MRN is to improve outcomes for people affected by mesothelioma by bringing together researchers to share knowledge, skills and resources.

We hope that by maximising the impact of the funds currently invested in research it will drive progress faster than ever.

Medical and academic researchers as well as healthcare professionals who care for patients with mesothelioma are invited to join.

The Network will help researchers to make contact with others in the field easily and allow them to know what others are working on. The MRN will run an annual research meeting just on mesothelioma and provide grants for network members to encourage them to collaborate.

BLF also wants to sponsor early career investigators to attend the annual international research meeting on mesothelioma (iMig) to present their research.

Professionals can join the MRN by visiting the BLF website.
The BLF is delighted to announce the award of £474,949 to fund five high-quality mesothelioma research projects:

1. **MesoUK-BLF mesothelioma research grant**  
   - Dr Ed Hollox, Leicester  
   **Title:** MEDUSA - finding the achilles’ heel(s) of mesothelioma by interrogating genomic evolution  
   Even within one mesothelioma tumour a lot of difference in genetic mutations is observed, which is known as intra-tumour heterogeneity (ITH). The MEDUSA project will use a new type of genetic sequencing technology, called m-WES, to study the evolution of mutations in a tumour. Understanding the nature of ITH in mesothelioma will allow researchers to define a new hierarchy of genetic vulnerabilities (weaknesses to target). In the longer-term this will help the discovery of new treatments that will exploit these vulnerabilities and are more likely to affect all the mesothelioma cancer cells in a patient’s tumour.

2. **BLF mesothelioma project grant**  
   - Dr Zsuzsanna Tabi, Cardiff  
   **Title:** A novel screening method to find the best personalised immune therapy in mesothelioma  
   In this project, the research team will develop a laboratory-based method that will provide rapid information, not only about the genetic but also the immunological make-up of individual tumours. They will then test a range of treatments alone and in combination to maximise the effect of promising immunotherapies. This approach will provide information about what treatment-combination is the most successful in individuals with a certain genetic and immune tumour type, helping to guide personalised treatment in the future.

3. **BLF mesothelioma PhD studentship grant**  
   - Dr David Fairen-Jimenez, Cambridge  
   **Title:** Genes in cages: design of smart capsules for the delivery of macromolecules  
   There is a need for more effective drug delivery systems (DDSs) in mesothelioma that specifically recognise mesothelioma cells and kill them or stop them growing. Recently small nanocapsules made of porous materials (called MOFs), have been proposed as DDSs. In this project, the researchers will develop a DDS using MOFs that are coated with antibodies on their outside, which means they will target mesothelioma cells to deliver the drug. The researchers aim to enhance the amount of drug in the DDSs and also improve the control of drug delivery. The will also test the new DDSs they develop on mesothelioma cells to assess their effect.

4. **BLF mesothelioma pump-priming research grant**  
   - Dr Katherine Finegan, Manchester  
   **Title:** Validation of a novel approach to treat malignant mesothelioma  
   Recent research has suggested that mesothelioma relies on a protein called ERK5 to grow. ERK5 stimulates other cell types, including macrophages and neutrophils (cells involved in the immune response), which are reprogrammed by cancers to support their growth. Dr Finegan’s research group has access to the newest drugs developed to target ERK5 and stop it working. They will use mouse models of mesothelioma to evaluate whether these drugs reduce cancer growth. They will track what happens to immune cells during treatment, see what immune cells are present after treatment and identify the changes that are important for treatment response.
WHAT YOU TOLD US ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

The BLF conducted a survey of people with mesothelioma to identify attitudes related to participation in clinical trials and any barriers faced. The survey was promoted by patient support groups, including Mesothelioma UK, and individual clinicians also encouraged patients to participate. While 85 people started out answering the questions, only 67 completed the survey in full. This was a small study and some groups, for example, particular age groups, were over-represented.

Most of the people who took part had pleural mesothelioma and the age group most largely represented was 67–76 years of age. People from the north east and north west of England were most likely to answer the survey and there was high representation from coastal regions.

A total of 23 of the 74 people who told us about their participation in trials were currently in a clinical trial or had taken part in the past, so that’s 31% of the people that answered that question. When asked about future intentions, 56 of the 72 people who responded on this topic said that they would take part in a clinical trial if deemed eligible to take part, so that’s 78% of the people that answered the question.

Of the people who said that they had asked a health care professional about taking part in trials, 35 out of 52 (so 67%) people who responded about their experience, felt they got the information they needed to decide whether to take part in a trial.

In terms of the major barriers people felt they faced in relation to participating in trials, fear of being placed in a placebo arm of a trial, not knowing what trials are available and not being sure if they were eligible for trials were the most common barriers. The BLF will be working with its Mesothelioma Research Network (MRN) steering group and patient groups to decide on actions going forward after the survey.

RECIPES FOR ALL APPETITES

Roasted parsnip soup (serves 4)

Oncology Specialist Dietician from East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, Vicky Driver, has sent in this nutritious winter warmer recipe, easy to make and eat, even with a reduced appetite.

Ingredients
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp cumin seeds, plus extra to garnish
- ½ tsp ground turmeric
- ½ tsp mustard seeds
- 1 large onion, cut into chunks
- 2 garlic cloves
- 675g parsnips, diced
- 2 plum tomatoes, quartered
- 1200ml vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp lemon juice

Method
1. Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. In a bowl, mix together the oil and spices. Add the vegetables and mix well. Spread over a baking tray, then roast for 30 mins until the vegetables are tender.
2. Spoon into a food processor or liquidiser with half the stock and process until smooth. Pour into a pan with the remaining stock, season, then heat until barely simmering.
3. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice.
4. Serve and garnish with cumin seeds.
5. Enjoy with some warm, crusty bread and butter, naan bread or buttered crackers

Have you got a problem with a poor appetite? You could easily fortify this soup by adding croutons, double cream, crème fraiche, 2-4 tablespoons skimmed milk powder or a knob of butter/margarine. Any leftovers can easily be portioned and frozen for another time.
For people with cancer, experiencing pain is a common fear. Hence, having different ways to provide good pain control is important. For most patients with lung cancer, using medications and other simple methods (such as heat packs) will provide good pain control. However, there are a smaller number of people (about one person out of 10), where these methods will not be sufficient. In this situation, more specialist treatments may be needed.

One such treatment is a ‘percutaneous cervical cordotomy’ or PCC. This involves a minor procedure that damages the nerves that carry pain in the spine. Initial research has shown that a PCC can provide good pain relief and patients find the procedure straightforward, helps extremely well with pain control and is well tolerated.

What is the focus of our research?

Our research is focused on patients with cancer (and especially those affected by lung cancer including a specific type called mesothelioma) who undergo a PCC procedure. To date we have collected information from over 200 patients who have undergone a PCC. We are gathering information about what types of patients have the procedure, how much it helps with their pain, and whether they experience any side effects from the procedure.

Why is this important?
PCC is a rare procedure both in the UK and in the few countries worldwide where it is currently performed. The UK National Mesothelioma Framework suggests that patients should have access to services that offer PCC as an intervention to provide relief from challenging pain. Currently PCC is offered at only four centres across the UK, with consequentially limited access for many patients who could potentially benefit.

What have we found so far?

From the patients who underwent a PCC, pain relating to mesothelioma was the most common reason for this. The majority of the patients were already on strong painkillers such as morphine. Generally, having a PCC procedure helped reduce the patients’ pain levels. Over half of the patients had no pain after the procedure, and almost two-thirds reported that their pain had improved. Nine out of ten patients stated they were pleased that they had had the procedure. Some side effects were reported which included: headaches, weakness, or altered sensation in an arm or leg.

Patients tended to have the procedure quite late in their illness and we would like to find out when the best time is for patients to have this.

What does this mean?

Our initial research findings suggest that the PCC procedure can be very helpful in improving pain control for those with cancer. But the procedure is only conducted in a limited number of places in the UK. Additionally, it is often undertaken with patients with quite advanced cancer when other means haven’t helped. We hope that this research will help make PCC available to the right patients and the right time in their illness.

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Expert industrial disease lawyers at Irwin Mitchell LLP have successfully secured a landmark agreement with defendant insurers to cover the costs of future cancer treatment for our client, who suffers from mesothelioma due to being exposed to asbestos during his employment decades ago.

Our client, who is based in Leeds, instructed Irwin Mitchell after he was diagnosed with the condition in 2015.

It is believed that he was exposed to asbestos while working with asbestos insulation board sheets when employed by John Atkinson & Sons Limited. The boards would need to be cut, by hand, to size which created dust that would linger and leave him exposed.

The landmark agreement in this case creates a Periodical Payments Order and means that a settlement did not have to wait until our client’s doctors actually advised that he should receive immunotherapy treatment, thereby avoiding the need to estimate treatment costs ahead of time in an area of huge change, both in terms of the drugs available and their cost.

It will ensure that he will have enough funds to cover the cost of any such treatment in future, no matter what that treatment is and no matter for how long it lasts. This is the first of its kind for mesothelioma cases.

The key features of the landmark agreement are:

- That the Order would not trigger until such time as a treating oncologist recommended its provision
- Once the Order is triggered, the insurer would commence quarterly payments at a rate assuming the most expensive of the immunotherapy drugs available. However once treatment had begun, the actual price would be worked out and parties would work together to ensure either shortfall was covered, or excess was returned
- If different drugs were recommended, then the payments would change to match the new therapy cost.

For more information on the case, please contact Ian Toft at ian.toft@irwinmitchell.com
Our colleagues at HASAG have made another significant contribution to fundraising efforts with an amazing donation of £30,000, split between Meso UK and the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund.

The money was raised at HASAG’s Action Mesothelioma Day event in Portsmouth in June 2017, attended by over 200 people. The day included a dove balloon release, raffle, tombola and buffet. Guest speakers were Laurie Kazan Allen, author of International Ban Asbestos Secretariat and Greg Deleuil, Respiratory Physician and Medical Advisor, from Perth, Australia.

Lynne Squibb from HASAG said: “We’re delighted to be able to continue our support for Meso UK and are so lucky to work alongside such generous patients, colleagues, sponsors and friends who all contributed towards this staggering donation.”

LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Just as the generous public support us through their fundraising, Mesothelioma UK aims to be there to support patients and families until the end.

Even after death, people are still able to support us. Once you, or a loved one dies, it’s not too late to support us in our work to help others. You can arrange to leave a gift in your will, as a lasting legacy that will truly benefit others who have been affected by mesothelioma.

Legacy gifts can have a huge impact on charities like us, which rely solely on donations and sponsorship.

No matter how big or small, every gift left in a will is an invaluable contribution to us and used to help others. For example:

- A gift of £50 will cover the Mesothelioma UK helpline and email service for 1 hour and £400 will pay for 1 day
- A gift of £2,000 would fund a Mesothelioma Nurse Specialist for 1 month

Receiving a gift in a will is an honour; it reminds us of the commitment and generosity of our supporters and helps us to plan for the future.

They can play a significant part in helping us to achieve our goals to:

- be a one-stop-shop for up to date mesothelioma support, information and education
- provide funding for Mesothelioma Nurse Specialists
- provide funding for research dedicated to mesothelioma
- support the NHS to drive up standards and ensure equitable access to world class treatment, trials and care
- help the UK to lead the way in making mesothelioma history through world class audit, research and clinical trials
- raise the profile of mesothelioma to help prevent future cases of asbestos-related disease

Legacy gifts and donations help to make long-term research and trials possible which will hopefully help us to beat mesothelioma one day.
Mesothelioma UK is now providing a specialist military information, advice and support service. This Government-funded campaign will deliver a specialist, UK-wide service for military personnel and veterans who have been affected by mesothelioma.

As part of this new service, Lisa Booth from HASAG has been appointed as a benefits advisor to deal specifically with military personnel and veterans.

Lisa will act as a support group contact, will liaise with welfare units across country, take referrals and help to get payment claims resolved. Lisa will work with the support groups to identify patients, source their service records and discuss their cases with the appropriate welfare officers.

Lisa will be joined on the Armed Forces campaign by a new Clinical Nurse Specialist, Helen Wilkes in January 2018. Helen will be based in Southampton.

Liz Darlison, Director of Mesothelioma UK, was recently invited to speak at three prestigious thoracic oncology events in Japan.

The profile of mesothelioma and the work of Mesothelioma UK was raised internationally when Liz presented to the Japanese Government at a series of healthcare seminars in Japan.

Liz was invited by the Japanese Government as they wanted to hear how we treat and care for mesothelioma patients in the UK. Liz gave talks at the:

- Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency seminar (the Government organisation in charge of the Asbestos-Related Health Damage Relief Fund)
- International Thoracic Oncology Nursing Forum’s lung cancer seminar, talking to thoracic oncology healthcare professionals about mesothelioma
- World Conference on Lung Cancer, attended by around 7,000 thoracic oncology professionals from over 100 countries

Liz, who is also a mesothelioma consultant nurse, said: “It was a real honour to be asked to speak at these events, in particular to share my experiences of care and treatment in the UK with Japanese Government officials. It’s testament to Mesothelioma UK’s strong reputation as a leading organisation on the care and treatment of asbestos-related disease patients that we were on their radar.

“I’m always delighted to share best practice to highlight mesothelioma and hopefully improve the treatment and care that patients receive.”
Professor Tony Newman Taylor spoke to the asbestos subcommittee of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Occupational Safety and Health in November to update them on the progress of the National Centre for Mesothelioma Research (NCMR).

He told them that, together with our collaborators at Papworth and in Leicester, the focus of the centre’s research is the understanding of the mutations in the genes (DNA) which drive the cancers and their products (RNA and protein) which, when found, can identify potential targets for intervention.

A particular focus is the use of these techniques to enable early diagnosis which can inform a targeted approach to treatment. To date, a number of abnormal (mutated) genes of relevance have been found, some previously identified, others not previously recognised.

We are also investigating potential immunological targets for intervention. In addition, through its partnership with the Royal Marsden Hospital, the centre is also involved in several clinical trials of treatments for mesothelioma.

Follow the National Centre for Mesothelioma Research on Twitter: @NCMRimperial

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**RADIO MESO PROJECT UPDATE**

RADIO Meso (Receiving a diagnosis of mesothelioma) is a research project, funded by Mesothelioma UK. This research aims to identify ways to improve the patient and family carer experience of receiving a diagnosis of mesothelioma.

At the end of the project we will develop evidence-based recommendations for practice. Recently, as some of you may know, we carried out a focus group at the Mesothelioma UK Patient and Carer Day in October.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly gave their time (and waited for lunch)! We squeezed a lot into the short time slot available.

Thank you for your patience with the fast-paced activities. We asked patients and family carers to recall their experience of receiving a mesothelioma diagnosis and to tell us ‘what went well?’ and ‘what could have been better?’. With this in mind, we then contemplated what the ‘ideal’ way to receive a diagnosis would be.

All responses have been incredibly valuable and, after collating these, we are able to identify key themes. To summarise some of these, patients and family carers said they valued: prior warning that it could be bad news, time to ask questions once the news has sunk in and a point of contact during this difficult time.

Alongside this, participants overwhelmingly drew attention to and praised the important role of health care professionals, especially clinical nurse specialists.

Challenges that repeatedly arose across patient and family carer stories included the long and winding road to reach a diagnosis and difficulty accessing good quality, reliable information and local support.

Examples of communication styles and words and phrases that were helpful and unhelpful were also identified.

We are very much looking forward to discussing these in more detail with you over the coming months. We are hoping to produce recommendations for consultation early in 2018 and await your responses.
WELCOME TO OUR NEW HQ IN LEICESTER

Mesothelioma UK has moved its operational team to new offices at The Sidings in Leicester.

The charity was previously located at Glenfield Hospital, part of the University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust.

The new headquarters were opened by H M Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, Lady Gretton at a special ceremony in December 2017.

Liz Darlison, Director of Mesothelioma UK and Consultant Nurse at University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust, said: “Our new offices will enable Mesothelioma UK to grow in order to provide improved support and information across the UK, specifically for mesothelioma. The charity provides a freephone helpline for all, a benefits advisor service, fundraising and administration, funds research, national audit and a team of specialist nurses based in NHS hospital across the UK.

“These are exciting times in terms of mesothelioma treatment, care and the availability of clinical trials across the UK. We are pleased to focus on ensuring that every corner of the UK is informed about all treatment opportunities and are determined to ensure equitable access for all affected by the disease.”

UPDATE ON NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA AUDIT

The National Mesothelioma Audit (NMA) is managed by the Royal College of Physicians and is funded by Mesothelioma UK.

Work is currently underway to produce the third audit report, which is due to publish in March 2018. This report will include data on treatment and outcomes of patients diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in England. For the first time, the audit report will also include a special feature on peritoneal cases of mesothelioma. The results will be published both by trust and by each regional cancer network.

In October 2017, the NMA clinical lead and clinical oncologist, Dr Susie Harden, attended the Mesothelioma UK Patient and Carer day and presented an update on the audit and findings from the last report. This report is available to view and download on the RCP website at www.rcplondon.ac.uk/meso2016.

If you have any questions about the audit please contact the NMA team at NMA@rcplondon.ac.uk.
The Interventional Cancer Pain Service opened in March 2017 at the world-class Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre in Glasgow to become the first in Scotland to offer cordotomy surgery to patients experiencing overwhelming pain.

Cordotomy is a procedure that disables very fine pain-conducting fibres within the spinothalamic tract of the spinal cord in order to remove the sensation of severe pain.

A specialised needle is inserted in the neck then uses radio frequency to 'burn' targeted, very fine pain nerves without affecting other nerves in the body. The procedure requires seven surgical theatre staff, takes less than an hour, and can transform the quality of a patient’s life.

Mesothelioma UK provided funding towards the purchase of equipment, reconfiguring the theatre table and upgrading the image intensifier machine. The Centre has been taking referrals since March 2017 and has now conducted procedures on a small number of patients including those with mesothelioma.

The Centre is not at capacity yet and is inviting referrals from patients who meet the criteria. The existing patients have predominantly been based in Scotland and the north of England so far but out of area referrals will be considered.

Dr Margaret Owen, consultant in anaesthesia and pain medicine at The Beatson, says: “Although every patient is different, we’ve had good outcomes from the cases of cordotomy surgery so far. For the surgery to be more effective, we would advise that patients come to us sooner, rather than later.”

Cordotomy is only suitable for patients with pain on one side of their body. To be eligible for the procedure, patients will be referred by a palliative medicine consultant if they are experiencing overwhelming pain or unbearable side effects as a result of their pain medications. Patients deemed suitable will then be seen in an assessment clinic where it will be decided if a cordotomy is the most appropriate procedure.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Mesothelioma UK freephone helpline on 0800 169 2409 or email info@mesothelioma.uk.com

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**GOOD OUTCOMES FOR EARLY CORDOTOMY SURGERY CASES IN BEATSON**

Patients who contracted mesothelioma through exposure to asbestos in their workplace may be entitled to compensation, either from the Government or from their employer. Mesothelioma UK was recently contacted by a solicitor whose client’s father contracted mesothelioma whilst at work. His family is looking for anyone else who may have worked for the same employer.

“My father, Gordon Lesley Emery, passed away in January 2015, with a post mortem report concluding the cause of death as being malignant mesothelioma. My father worked for Geest Industries Limited in the 1960s and 1970s (and Spalding Bulb Company which was taken over by Geest). The glasshouses he worked in during this time had a boiler and pipework lagged in asbestos insulation. Does anyone know of any family or friends who has died from a similar condition having worked for either of these companies in glasshouses during approximately the same period as my Father?”

If you have any information on this, please contact David Naghen at Maples Solicitors LLP by email to Laura.Day@maplessolicitors.com

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**DID YOU WORK FOR GEEST INDUSTRIES LTD IN THE 60S OR 70S?**
WELCOME TO FUNDRAISING

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Cathy Smith
JUNE ALLINGHAM AND THE ZION WIVES GROUP

“Our fundraising this past 12 months at Zion Wives Group, Lees in Oldham has included several charities and I am so pleased that Mesothelioma UK was chosen as one of them to benefit. It is just over 12 months since I lost my dear husband Mike to this devastating disease, so it gives me great comfort to be able to pass this cheque for £500 on to Mesothelioma UK to help fund any research to combat this.”

June

KAYE MARTIN

“I am running the Cardiff half marathon in memory of my Granny who suffered so terribly to this horrible cancer. After being diagnosed just two days before Christmas 2015 she underwent chemotherapy which she did not react well to. Following this her tumor began to grow dramatically and she had to have an oxygen machine to help her breath. Sadly my Granny passed away in March this year. She is very missed, but no longer suffering.

I gave my grandparents a choice of a few charities I could run for when I first signed up to the half marathon and they chose Mesothelioma UK. Thank you to all those who have donated to help Mesothelioma UK which support those who need it most.”

Kaye raised £406.25

KEITH AND JACQUI WILLIAMS

“Keith was diagnosed with meso in January 2016. He had surgery and chemo early in 2016. Since his recovery from surgery we have embraced life fully and tend to be out and about as much as we can.

The fundraising is from a BBQ for around 90 people, held in our garden at the end of August. We asked friends and family who attended to donate whatever they could. We also had a raffle, a blackout, guess the weight of the Harley Davidson with fuel and rider (Keith is a motorbiker!) and a point scoring throwing game. Everyone had a terrific time and the weather was incredibly kind to us. We split the proceeds of £2,100 equally between Mesothelioma UK and Prostate UK.”

Jacqui Williams

ACCESS LEGAL

Two members of the Access Legal Solicitors team Sara and Sharine have raised over £1,000 for charity. Personal injury specialists, Sara Hunt and Sharine Burgess took part in a number of fundraising initiatives on behalf of Mesothelioma UK.

Birmingham-based Sara joined a charity patients and their families for a three mile walk around Bradgate Park in Leicestershire. The rest was raised by Sharine at the Access Legal Northampton office, through a dress-down day and a raffle which offered a top prize of a day off work.

Sharine said: “I’m really pleased with the total my colleagues helped to raise for Mesothelioma UK. It’s an important cause. We look forward to supporting this charity again in the future.”

Sara Hunt, Partner
Bradford-based MCP Environmental recently organised and completed a 12-mile sponsored walk to raise funds for Mesothelioma UK. The walk supports The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (ARCA) charity week. Staff, families and suppliers walked the 12 miles along the Leeds Liverpool canal from Shipley to Leeds to raise money for Mesothelioma UK. The walkers also included nine-month old Kalyn and MCP Administrator mum Natalie Clayton who pushed the push chair for the entire 12 miles through sunshine and showers. Along the walk they saw a plethora of walkers and cyclists, some unusual barges covered in plastic ducks and even corn fields near the centre of Leeds. The team arrived exhausted at Leeds Train Station ready to return home for a well-deserved bath and early night.

So far MCP have raised £697.66 including gift aid for Mesothelioma UK and encourage donations through the Just Giving website.

MCP Managing Director, Andy Stubbs said: “MCP champion good causes and we are delighted to organise the sponsored walk to support Mesothelioma UK and our partners at ARCA to improve the lives of people affected by mesothelioma.”

George Modler

George is just 14 years old and having lost his surrogate uncle Kurt who was only 48 years old to mesothelioma, decided that he wanted to do something in his memory. Along with his 12 year old brother Max, his family and friends, he organised a charity football match which took place at the Stratford Home Guard Club in Tiddington.

The crowd was entertained with live music from the Orca’s and Fitness Active kept the audience entertained with fun and games, Rozie T Dance Academy performed too. There was a fabulous raffle with one of the prizes being Wembley Stadium Tour Tickets, and with lots of wonderful food and drink served throughout the day, it was a complete success raising awareness and funds. His wife Sue, daughters Sophie, Chloe and Kurt’s Mum were all there to help on the day too, which raised a wonderful £780.

Michael Rickard

Veronica Rickard’s husband sadly passed away from mesothelioma on 1 April and her family has been fundraising to help other people with this asbestos cancer. In the picture, her son and team ran a charity 5-a-side football competition. 16 teams entered which was amazing and a great day was had by all. There was a BBQ, face painting and games to get the whole community involved. It was so successful that they are going to make it an annual event which is just fabulous! The family has raised £600 for Meso UK, a brilliant total - thank you!

Barbara Heslop

Barbara and friends held a Table Top Sale at the Wildest Cats in Town Rock n Roll Weekend at Pakefield in Lowestoft, and a coffee morning in memory of her dear husband, Dave Heslop. They raised a wonderful £350.
DAVE THORNTON-BLAIR

Dave took part in the Edinburgh 10k in memory of Michael Thornton his wife Helen’s dear Father and lovely Gangan to their son Joe.

Dave finished his Edinburgh challenge, completing his personal best of 49 minutes which is just amazing, and he raised almost £400 which is fabulous. This is Dave’s second challenge supporting Mesothelioma UK and we thank him for his wonderful continued support.

HAYLEY TIBBS – SPONSORED HAIRCUT

“This year marks the third anniversary of my father Geoff’s death and I am trying to raise money for Mesothelioma UK as my Dad fought the disease before he passed away. Any donations for this sponsored haircut are much appreciated by myself and the charity, who support those suffering with lung cancer, caused by exposure to asbestos. My hair is around 2ft/23 inches long and I was planning just to have it trimmed but have decided to chop half (12 inches) of it off and donate it to The Little Princess Trust, an amazing charity who will hopefully make it into a wig for someone who is suffering from hair loss. I will also be making a donation to The Little Princess Trust so if anyone would prefer to donate to that charity please let me know. Thank you so much in advance for any donations, Hayley x.”

Hayley raised £476.25.

LAURA HALE

“I am running the Cardiff half marathon and raising money for Mesothelioma UK. For those who don’t know, my father-in-law, Fred was diagnosed with this aggressive cancer in April this year. There is no cure for mesothelioma which is always caused by asbestos exposure. Fred was exposed to asbestos in the 70s when he worked as a heating engineer. This is a preventable cancer and although numbers are expected to rise over the next 10 years, research is limited as it is so rare and often the outcome fatal within months. Mesothelioma UK invests in patients and carers to increase awareness and clinical trials with new drugs such as immunotherapy. Fred has decided to embark on a clinical trial to help us learn more about the disease for the future so we will eventually be able to prolong life and even a cure.”

Laura raised an amazing £760.40 including gift aid.

JOANNA CARTER

“Asbestos does not discriminate, it can take 50 years for fatal cancer to start with symptoms only showing at later stages. This is usually too late to be able to do anything about it. Essentially you are a ticking time bomb. Teachers, shipbuilders, joiners, plumbers, and even wives who have washed their husband’s clothes and children who have cuddled their daddies have been victims. This picture is me and my lovely dad, David Ricketts who gave me away at my wedding. Sadly six weeks on, my dad had lost his battle. He was exposed to asbestos in 1967 while working as a joiner in Rochdale. A dust mask at the cost of a couple of pence could have saved his life. I would like to raise money for Mesothelioma UK, who has funded medical travel and helped with benefits, lawyers and support at the most horrendous time of our lives. Please help the next victim of this cruel disease.”
On Sunday 6 August 2017, a cricket match was held at Ossett Cricket Club, West Yorkshire in Graham’s memory between Ossett Cricket Club and Flockton Cricket Club, two local teams with whom Graham had strong connections.

Graham had only been retired for two and a half years when he passed away and this should have been his time to go out and enjoy doing things with his wife, Catherine and his family including his two daughters and granddaughter. After all, he had worked so hard over the years to provide for them! Unfortunately this wasn’t to be as his life was sadly cut short and he didn’t get to enjoy the retirement for which he had worked so hard.

Graham’s family would like to thank everyone for their support on the day whether you donated, bought raffle tickets, bought food and drink, had a go on the coconut shy, had your face painted, or whatever your part on the day - it all helped towards raising funds for a cause close to the family’s hearts. Most importantly, a huge thank you to all of the cricketers who travelled from different places to play the game Graham loved so dearly. We are sure he was watching with pride, especially to see it was played in memory of him.

A signed cricket bat from Yorkshire County Cricket Club was auctioned and raised a fantastic £400. There was also a very generous donation of £500 from Flockton Cricket Club, all of which helped to raise £2,413.90 for Mesothelioma UK. The family were so overwhelmed by everyone’s support and they hope that the money raised will support families facing this terrible illness. We hope that one day in the near future, a cure can be found.

Graham - a wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad, Brother. Forever in our hearts xxx
DAVID PARSONS – SWISS HIKING CHALLENGE

“Well I did it, I have now completed my challenge covering about 200km and I did it in 7 days at high altitude. It was quite a huge challenge to undertake and I really needed to push myself to complete it. Now it’s all over I cannot wait to do it all again! And my reason for taking this on is, I did it for the Mesothelioma UK Charity in memory of my dear father Geoffrey, a big thanks to all those who have supported me and donated, and my page is still open to try and reach my target of £1,500 so if you would like to donate please don’t forget to gift aid if you can”.

David has so far raised an amazing £1,081.25 including gift aid.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-parsons15

DIANNE LAWRENCE – ISLE OF WIGHT ULTRA MARATHON 2018

“I am walking a ridiculous amount of miles for Mesothelioma UK because asbestos cancer took away my lovely mum last year. My mum was only 70. Her name was Brenda Coleman. She was fit, well and full of life.

In May last year she was diagnosed with Pleural mesothelioma caused by exposure to asbestos when she was a secretary 50 years ago. Her cough started in February and she passed away in September. Mesothelioma is incurable, it’s frightening, it’s shocking and it’s so fast. Please help me to raise money for this largely unknown charity which supports the people who suffer and will die from this low-profile cancer, and their loved ones who are forced to stand silently and helplessly by and watch. Thank you.”

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dianne-lawrence4

EUGENIA PRICE – MY FIRST MARATHON

“I’m running my first marathon for Mesothelioma UK because no one should fight mesothelioma alone. The big thing about mesothelioma is it is preventable. The only known cause of the disease is exposure to asbestos. More than five years on from losing my dear mum, Gillian Price to mesothelioma, I am going to run my very first marathon – knowing she is there with me every step of the way and will probably be whooping uncontrollably as I cross that finish line, doing a little dance and saying ‘cool, dude.’ I wanted to make the challenge not only mean something to me as a physical achievement but also to raise some money for a fantastic charity that is making the world of difference to mesothelioma sufferers and their families. So if you would like to support my challenge, please visit my giving page below, thank you.”

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gens-marathon-for-mesothelioma

LAURA BOYD

“We opened this In Memory Page to raise money in memory of Christine Boyd. She was an amazing person loved by everyone and her smile lit up a room; a strong, inspirational and brave woman who never gave up! After overcoming breast cancer in 2009 she went on to raise over £20,000 for cancer charities and so, in true Chris Boyd style, we wanted raise more in her name.

Mum passed away on 25 August 2017 - the cause of her death was mesothelioma, with which she was diagnosed in March 2017. Mesothelioma is an extremely aggressive form of cancer caused by exposure to asbestos dust. In Mum, it affected the pleural of her lungs. Currently there is no cure for mesothelioma and the area is extremely underfunded. Mum and us, as a family, recognise the importance of research, treatment, support and legal advice for victims and want to support the cause. The charity we have chosen really did support and help her and is close to all our hearts.”

Laura has raised £4,051.75
GEMMA SHARP – OUR BIG FAT CHARITY SKY DIVE

Roxie Cotter, Sophie Drewitt, Gemma Sharp, Nicola Bailey, Carol Spicer and Evangeline Christopher.

“On 24 August 2017, we jumped out of a plane from 15,000ft above the beautiful Old Sarum Airfield for Mesothelioma UK, a charity very close to our hearts. Why Mesothelioma UK?

Mesothelioma UK is a registered charity offering advice and support to people suffering from this terrible cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. Unfortunately in May 2017, Nicola’s kind hearted dad, Rob was cruelly diagnosed with the incurable mesothelioma after unknowingly being exposed to asbestos in the schools in which he taught for many decades.

The family’s world has been turned upside down. Experts predict that the number of school related deaths from asbestos will rise. Awareness is already increasing, but much more needs to be done to prevent this horrible life-limiting disease.

As a close group of friends, we chose this charity as we are all dedicated to helping the victims and raising awareness of this terrible disease so please dig deep guys and make a donation to help us hit our target. Any donation, big or small, is welcome.”

Well the team have so far raised an amazing £2,698.63 which is well over their target... Well done team.

MICK GEORGE – RAISING FUNDS FOR MESOTHELIOMA

Mick George representative Sean Feely, kindly presented staff members from the charity with a cheque for £1,500 which they have kindly raised so far.
Ladywood shooting club have held their second clay pigeon shooting event this summer to raise funds for Mesothelioma UK. Organised on behalf of Graham Woolley once again, it was a very enjoyable day with plenty of club members and friends taking part. Sale of hot dogs and a raffle helped to raise the final total. The competition was won by John Dunn who won a hand carved walking stick.

There was the usual 'have a go' stand where novices could practice their skills and get tuition on technique and gun safety. Graham and his wife Jane would like to thank everyone who made the day another success, particularly Jason Yates and other club members.

Graham is still under the care of Professor Fennell’s team at Leicester Royal but is currently on a trial break awaiting further treatment. It is through the dedication and commitment of the team that Graham is still able to carry on with his hobby, although not so much now.

Many thanks to all at the trial unit and everyone at Mesothelioma UK. One day there will be a cure for this horrid disease.

We made about £1,380.50. Keep up the good work.

Jane

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**LIST OF EVENTS**

1. Greater Manchester and East Cheshire Ladies Auxillary - raised £410.00
2. Sally & Suzanne Dodsley - Fundraising Cricket Match in Loughborough on 13 August and raised £1,337.00
3. Mrs Bowler & Mr Vandermeulen kindly raised £1,300.00
4. Vicky Smedley – Annual Charity Cricket Match and 70th Birthday £400.00 and The White Hart Pub – £30.00
5. Tricia Lilley – Bookstall at the Village Wheelbarrow Fair, Gravelly Barn and Music Event with the Rambling Valentines £805.00
6. Brian Wallis Ambassador, Awareness stall at Bury St Edmunds Market £72.68
7. Lawrence Scott Developments Ltd – 9k Devils Mud Run dressed as super heroes – £250.00
8. Sue Hull – Quiz Night in memory of her dear husband, Graham Sherlock Brown – £365.50
9. Kevin Kearney raised £1,078.75 from Total Warrior 10k Obstacle Run Simo’s Stag Do in memory of Stanley Simms
The Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust exists to raise funds to support the services provided by Mesothelioma UK and any sponsorship, grants or donations made to the charity support this.

Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust would like to thank all of our wonderful donors.

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