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Background

Only 35 per cent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer survive for ten years or more. Survival of ovarian cancer is much lower than for many other cancers due to late diagnosis and a lack of effective treatment options.

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We have already committed over £1 million to fund ovarian cancer research. Target Ovarian Cancer to boost substantially the amount it spends on research.

In recent years there has been a worrying decline in competition. We will work in partnership with other organisations to develop exciting new ideas, driving these to become core, mainstream research. We will ensure that every penny of Target Ovarian Cancer’s funding schemes embrace the highest standards of scientific excellence and quality and ensure that funding decisions are made transparently and non-duplicatively.

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Our principles underpin our research strategy, which is vital to tackling the complex challenges of ovarian cancer. Target Ovarian Cancer’s strategy. This is the approach whereby scientists and clinicians work together closely, sharing insight and ideas on what treatments, technologies and optimisation of existing treatments new targeted treatments that will benefit the largest proportion of women with ovarian cancer in the shortest timeframe.

Our research strategy

Our research strategy is focused on:

• Improving survival by developing new targeted treatments and optimising existing treatments
• Supporting high-quality research to develop new targeted treatments
• Drilling down targets with substantial potential to develop new targeted treatments
• Understanding why tumours develop resistance to treatment, developing strategies to prevent and overcome resistance
• Understanding the effectiveness of specific drug combinations in clinical trials
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Research priorities

Research priorities are allocated in broad areas of expertise, with more granular focus on particular diseases or areas of need. Target Ovarian Cancer is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC), which includes leading UK and international cancer charities.

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Our priorities
- Uncover new targets within subtypes
- Develop new targeted treatments
- Capitalise on advances in ovarian cancer research
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Our principles underpin our research strategy, with a clear focus on outcomes and impact. We have an important role in facilitating the development of early career researchers and more accurate ways of diagnosing ovarian cancer to improve outcomes for patients. The research we fund will lead to faster and earlier diagnoses of the deadly disease.

Pilot trials in clinical participation
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Target Ovarian Cancer's funding schemes embrace research across the UK, from ovarian cancer in the UK and the EU on ovarian cancer research and this work benefits not just the British public but all women around the world. Target Ovarian Cancer is an independent charity working to benefit women with ovarian cancer. Our strategy is unique in the world because we are the only national ovarian cancer organisation that focuses exclusively on funding new and developing treatments.

The highest quality
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