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# NCRI newsletter

## Welcome to our latest newsletter (issue 1, 2015)

Read on for research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Tell us about the things you want to share with NCRI Partners and our wider readership in future issues. You can email us at [info@ncri.org.uk](mailto:info@ncri.org.uk) with your suggestions.

Best wishes  
The NCRI team

## This issue's features

### Looking forward to the 2015 NCRI Cancer Conference

Hear from the Chair of the 2015 Scientific Committee, Professor Charles Swanton, about what makes our Conference unique.

[Find out more...](#)

### Making the international connection - a global view on research spending trends

NCRI's Head of Programmes and Evaluation tells us about one of the ways NCRI helps to extend the collaborative forum internationally to help us gain a global view on research spending trends.

[Find out more...](#)

## Organisations and initiatives

### Update on the NCRI Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group

As part of the NCRI Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRad) vision for 2015-2018, the Group are looking at ways to drive molecular radiotherapy research and support the development of proton beam therapy research.

[Find out more...](#)

### Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research's Trial Acceleration Programme:

## **connecting with the national portfolio through NCRI Clinical Studies Groups**

Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research have recently committed a further five years of funding for their early phase Trial Acceleration Programme. Its successful pilot phase has led to it being consolidated within the routine activity of relevant NCRI Clinical Studies Groups and subgroups.

[Find out more...](#)

## **Online tool from Marie Curie Cancer Care helping hospices get involved in research**

The Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Centre, Cardiff has developed an online Hospice Research Toolkit to help hospices overcome the challenges they face when doing research and make it easier for them to get involved in research.

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## **Department of Health awards contract for a new national Coordinating Centre for the NIHR Clinical Research Network**

The network provides support, including clinical research nurses, for the delivery of funded research in the NHS.

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## **Cancer Research UK and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research collaborate to boost blood cancer trials**

Cancer Research UK and Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research are collaborating to jointly fund early phase clinical trials of experimental drugs for patients with blood cancers. Recently they announced that the first investigational drug will enter clinical trials through this partnership.

[Find out more...](#)

## **Reports and publications**

### **The top ten research questions in palliative and end of life care**

The Palliative and end of life care Priority Setting Partnership (PeolcPSP) programme set out to determine the most important unanswered questions that could improve overall care and experiences. The final report has now been published.

[Find out more...](#)

### **Latest reports from the International Cancer Research Partnership**

The International Cancer Research Partnership (ICRP) have published two reports based on research spending patterns. One examining trends in investment and publication outputs for research on the role of obesity in cancer and the other examining trends in research into environmental influences on

breast cancer.

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## **Stratified medicine: discovery to patient - mind the gap**

ABPI have recently published their 2014 R&D conference report.

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## **People**

### **60-second interview with Professor Sam Ahmedzai**

The Chair of the NCRI Supportive & Palliative Care Clinical Studies Group (CSG), tells us about his career in cancer research, his new role as a CSG Chair and the challenges ahead.

[Find out more...](#)

### **Richard Stephens on the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey**

In an entry on Cancer Research UK's science blog, Richard Stephens, Chair of the NCRI Consumer Liaison Group, gives a personal take on the recent findings from the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey.

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## **Events and opportunities**

[NCRI CTRad now recruiting for new members](#)

[3rd NAEDI Research Conference taking place on 26-27 March](#)

[Marie Curie Annual Palliative Care Research Conference 2015 on 27 March](#)

[ABPI Annual Conference and Dinner taking place on 23 April](#)