



Almost two-thirds of cancer patients don't fully understand what their diagnosis means

## Working in partnership

We work in partnership with others to achieve the greatest impact in the global fight against cancer.

We work with other health and research organisations in the UK and abroad. Partnership is essential to turn our individual efforts against the disease into significant advances.

### Lobbying impact

We joined with our partners, who include the [Association of Medical Research Charities](#) and the [Wellcome Trust](#), to lobby Government to foster the best possible environment for cancer research in the UK. Our lobbying helped to secure a commitment from Government that it will meet its target of providing £270 million per year in support for charity-funded research in English universities by 2010/11.

### Building links

As in previous years, Cancer Research UK organised the [National Cancer Research Institute's \(NCRI\)](#) annual conference. The NCRI conference is the major forum in the UK for showcasing the best British and international cancer research. It offers opportunities for sharing knowledge by bringing together the leading experts from all areas of cancer research.

### Strategic direction

We continued to provide high-level strategic input into coalitions such as the NCRI and the [UK Clinical Research Collaboration \(UKCRC\)](#). We are also working with the [National Cancer Intelligence Network](#) to ensure that high-quality cancer intelligence is available to help support improvements in cancer services and increase patient choice.

### Building capacity

Working with our partners, the UKCRC and the [Economic and Social Research Council](#), we took steps to build capacity in public health research by funding five Centres of Excellence in Public Health.

### Information prescriptions

We have joined forces with the NHS and Macmillan Cancer Support to help develop information prescriptions. These aim to improve the quality of information patients receive, reducing the uncertainty many cancer patients feel by giving them a better understanding of their diagnosis and treatment options.



*Sonia Peart, Information Prescriptions Project Manager, Cancer Research UK*

“Each member of our partnership is an enormous source of knowledge and skill. Our close relationship with Macmillan Cancer Support allows us to pool our expertise and has made us even more than the sum of our parts. Together we offer an invaluable source of information and support to cancer patients.”