TODAY’S SCIENCE TOMORROW’S MEDICINE
CRUK Centre for Drug Development
At the Cancer Research UK Centre for Drug Development, our goal is to bring much needed new treatments to people with cancer. We are a centre of excellence providing expertise and facilities to accelerate early phase drug development.

We're actively looking for partners – from both academia and industry, in the UK and worldwide – with promising research ideas to include in our innovative portfolio. As part of the world’s leading cancer research charity and with over 30 years’ experience in the field, we’re ideally placed to translate these ideas into patient benefit. We provide a smooth and efficient early phase drug development journey through:

• Full capabilities from preclinical and manufacture, to early phase clinical trials
• Expert staff
• Access to an extensive network of oncology specialists

And our approach works. Treatments we played a pivotal role in developing - like temozolomide (Temodar™, Temodal™) and abiraterone (Zyctiga™) - are today providing more tomorrows for people with cancer around the world.

We’re looking forward to partnering with you to realise the potential of your research.

Dr Nigel Blackburn
Director of Drug Development
Delivering Progress Through Partnership

We collaborate to develop industry and academic discoveries into novel therapies.

Partnership is key to achieving our ambitions, so we have a number of focused business models that allow us to collaborate effectively with you – including:

**Clinical Development Partnerships (CDP)** brings new life to promising agents that have been deprioritised by industry. This is an innovative risk reward model where we undertake the early phase development at our own cost in return for a share of downstream revenues from your treatment.

**Combinations Alliance** engages with the Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre (ECMC) network and industry to develop novel combination strategies to increase treatment options for people with cancer. We drive early phase investigator led combination trials by working collaboratively within an efficient framework.

**Academic Sponsorship** offers full preclinical and clinical development of promising anti-cancer agents which come from academic research.

We understand the varying needs of our partners, so our collaborative models can be tailored to your wishes and experience. We have a successful track record of brokering alliances, so if you are a scientist or clinician interested in developing a commercial asset through the CDP or Combinations Alliance schemes we would be very interested to hear from you.

Although we considered IMA950 very promising, our small company was lacking the internal resources to start clinical development of the vaccine. The CRUK Centre for Drug Development made it possible to perform an extensive multicentre trial.

Andrew Hughes
Innovative Medicines
Clinical Vice President
AstraZeneca

Immatics Biotechnologies GmbH

Working with the CRUK Centre for Drug Development in the Combinations Alliance is a win-win - UK investigators get access to new drugs earlier, we gain insight into the activity of our drugs in a new setting and, most importantly, the patient gets access to a new treatment that may improve their outcome.

Andrew Hughes
Innovative Medicines
Clinical Vice President
AstraZeneca
A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN EARLY PHASE DRUG DEVELOPMENT

We have the capabilities and infrastructure needed to demonstrate clinical potential.

Our development expertise spans preclinical and medical sciences, regulatory affairs, quality assurance, project management, legal, drug safety, clinical operations, and data management.

And – unique to the non-commercial sector in Europe – we also have two manufacturing facilities which are licensed to produce the drugs we use in our clinical trials. Our Biotherapeutics Development Unit is a state-of-the-art facility for the manufacture of biological drugs, while our Formulation Unit produces clinical formulations for small molecule drugs.

These extensive and professional capabilities mean we offer an efficient journey for new therapies through the early phase of drug development.

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Merck Serono

Without the support of the CRUK Centre for Drug Development my complex study could not have started. We had a strong research idea and a good base protocol with which to work, but we needed collaborative integration between industry and CRUK to make it happen.

Professor Roy Rampling
Neuro-oncologist
Beatson Institute
For Cancer Research

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ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK WITH ONE FOCUS, CANCER

As part of the world’s largest charity dedicated to cancer research, we are experts in our field and are connected to an extensive network of specialists.

We have a team of over 100 drug development professionals focused exclusively on cancer.

Being part of Cancer Research UK puts us at the heart of the UK oncology research community with unrivalled access to some of the world’s most accomplished researchers and early phase clinicians, including the UK’s 18 Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres (ECMCs).

This expertise and our oncology focus means we can accelerate the development of your potential new cancer treatment.

"The CRUK Centre for Drug Development is an outstanding and highly professional team who are delivering internationally leading and vital clinical research that is impacting cancer patients."

Professor Johann De Bono
Professor of Experimental Cancer Medicines
Institute of Cancer Research, The Royal Marsden Hospital
HOW YOU CAN WORK WITH US

We are actively seeking to grow our pioneering portfolio and welcome the opportunity to discuss your project with you.

Our current portfolio contains a diverse range of around 30 agents including antibodies, imaging agents, cell therapies, vaccines and targeted small molecules.

We are looking to expand our portfolio with a focus on innovation and so would be especially interested to talk to you about:

- First in class therapies and first in man clinical trials
- Preclinical and clinical evaluation of novel combinations of cancer treatments
- Projects where we can use pharmacodynamic and stratification biomarker technologies to identify and progress new treatments which have the greatest potential for patient benefit.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

To discuss your project and for more information, please contact drugdev@cancer.org.uk

All project applications – from industry and academic sources – are peer reviewed by our New Agents Committee (NAC) before being accepted into our portfolio. The NAC is an expert panel of international clinicians and scientists who assess the scientific excellence and potential for clinical impact of projects.

You can also find more details at our website: cruk.org/cdd

We’re looking forward to talking to you – the first step to a partnership with us to realise the potential of your treatment to help people with cancer.