Cancer Research UK (CRUK) is the world’s largest medical research charity. CRUK’s Centre for Drug Development (CDD) is the world’s only charity-funded, patient-benefit-driven drug development centre.

Over the last 25 years CDD have sponsored and managed over 160 early phase clinical trials taking more than 60 novel agents into patients; six of which have gone on to become registered medicines. CRUK’s CDD understands the significant value that patient involvement can contribute to its work and is committed to becoming a truly patient-centric organisation that routinely partners with people affected by cancer.

CDD’S PATIENT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY

The CDD involves patients when it will benefit its research – recruitment, compliance, and sampling are areas where patient involvement could have the most impact.

- Trials are designed to target the unmet treatment needs whilst minimising burden
- Patients are viewed not as subjects but as collaborators whose participation throughout the process is vital to overall success
- There is open dialogue between sponsor, investigator and patients.

To find out more about CRUK’s CDD visit: cru.k.org/cdd
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HOW WE INVOLVE PATIENTS IN OUR WORK

- Development of CDD’s patient involvement strategy
- Re-design of template Informed Consent Document
- Review of study specific Informed Consent Document
- Consultations during protocol development
- Design and implementation of a patient experience questionnaire

HOW WE HAVE EMBEDDED A CULTURE OF PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN CDD

- Established a cross-functional Patient Involvement Working Group
- Trained key staff members
- Created a guidance document
- Ongoing sharing of experiences
- Senior Management support