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NBCRC Members Spotlight



We were pleased to share some wonderful news regarding NBCRC member, and School of Medicine Emeritus Professor, Professor Ian Ellis. Ian was honoured with the highly prestigious 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from the International Society of Breast Pathology at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) meeting in March 2025. The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest level of recognition they give and was presented to Ian to reflect his incredible career and amazing discoveries spanning 40 years in breast pathology. Ian established himself as a global authority in breast cancer research, with his ground-breaking work in classification and molecular pathology of breast cancer, alongside his evaluation of prognostic factors, transforming clinical practice worldwide.

You can see the award presentation, and Ian's acceptance lecture on his career, at <https://youtu.be/tft8ass1Zs>



We also want to recognise Professor John Robertson who has retired following over 30 years' service at the University of Nottingham. Professor Robertson dedicated his career to improving outcomes for cancer patients. Whether that was detecting cancers early with a world-first blood test or creating new hormone treatments to give patients the best chance of beating breast cancer. His work impacted thousands of people across the world.



New NBCRC Members

We would like to welcome our newest members to our scientific community:

Katlego Modikoane, PhD student exploring Retrotransposons role in ovarian and breast cancer (Associate member).

Shaymaa Hosni, Clinical Oncology Consultant at Nottingham University Hospital (Affiliate member).

Pilot Grant Spotlight



Dr Andy Green received a NBCRC Pilot Grant in 2019 to investigate "Glutaminase as a key therapeutic target in luminal breast cancer."

His research explored how blocking glutaminase, a key enzyme that cancer cells need for growth and survival, could potentially halt the progression of aggressive breast cancer. Andy's project evaluated whether blocking glutaminase, with specific inhibitory drugs, could effectively slow down or stop breast cancer growth. This involved growing breast cancer cells in the laboratory, treating them with the drugs and carefully measuring changes in their growth rate, survival, and ability to spread. The aim was to reveal whether

glutaminase inhibition is a promising therapeutic approach for treating aggressive breast cancer. You can find out more and read the latest research update here: <https://bit.ly/2019-pilot-grant>

Patient Supporters - Shared Experience Videos



Our engaged patient supporter volunteers have come together to record short video's to share their lived experience of breast cancer to help raise awareness within the community. You can watch the videos here: <https://bit.ly/courageous-conversations-2025>

Outreach

Dr Sarah Storr, lead member of NBCRC outreach initiatives, attended Maggie's Centre at Nottingham City Hospital on Monday 17th March, to deliver a presentation to the Primary and Secondary breast cancer groups, to raise awareness of the ongoing research efforts at NBCRC. It was very well received, with Sarah being invited to talk at additional events, elsewhere in the region, later in the year.



Fundraising Events & Celebrations!

Stella's Europium Hosts Glamorous Ladies' Night

Women from across the community came together at Stella's Europium's special ladies' night, featuring fashion showcases, beauty demonstrations and informative exhibitor stalls focused on breast cancer awareness. The evening was both educational and entertaining, successfully raising £400 for vital breast cancer research.

International Women's Day - 09/03/2025

Alexandra Perry and Tamika Martin created a truly moving event for International Women's Day, featuring thought provoking panel discussions and powerful sharing of lived experiences at Nottingham's Lace Bar. The awareness event was a fantastic success with attendees leaving feeling inspired and better informed.



Medics Pink Park Run

Our long-standing supporters, the Nottingham University Medics Football Club Ladies Team, laced up their trainers for a pink-themed fun run. These dedicated students have championed NBCRC for many years, and their latest effort raised a fantastic £281. Their energy and commitment continue to inspire us all.



Disco Days at Ruddington Grange Golf Club

Eleanor Chipperfield, Lady Captain at Ruddington Grange Golf Club, brought the house down with her lively 'Disco Days' fundraising event. Ruddington Grange Golf Club will be hosting fundraising events throughout the year for NBCRC. We look forward hearing about all the additional adventures and to announcing the grand total in December!



Robin Hood Half Marathon 2025: Get involved – have fun AND raise money!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take part in Nottingham's annual Robin Hood Half Marathon. Last year's team raised £3,720 – let's see if we can meet, or beat, it!

You can then create your own [Just Giving page](#) on the NBCRC website. You will receive a FREE running vest and personalised poster to share with friends and family across social media. Please get in touch with Faylisha by email at nbcrc@nottingham.ac.uk if you are interested in fundraising for the centre or would like any more information.

NBCRC Branded Gifts

We have a number of branded items such as golf umbrellas, tote bags, pens and mugs. If you would like to purchase any please get in touch with us.

NBCRC Tours

If you would like to have a look around our research facilities, meet some of our researchers and hear about the wonderful research that you are helping to make possible please contact us, we would love to show you around!

How to Give

You can help support vital breast cancer research. Making a gift is easy, you can donate once or set up a regular direct debit.


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