



THE ISLE OF MAN ANTI-CANCER ASSOCIATION ***-serving Manx Residents in the fight against cancer for sixty years!***



The Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association celebrates its Diamond Jubilee this year.

IOM ACA evolved out of the 'Friends of the Liverpool Radium Institute' on the Island which raised funds to support a facility where Manx residents originally received radiotherapy. When the Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral opened in 1959 with better equipment, all radiotherapy treatment moved to this new site. The 'Friends' disbanded almost overnight (unfortunately, their endowment funds were ruled not to be transferable) and re-formed, still with their original eight District Branches, but with a broader mandate, as the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association - the longest running Charity on the Island, encompassing all tumour types.

Surgery and radiotherapy were then the only forms of treatment for cancer, with surgery offering the only real prospect of a cure. Cancer was a greatly feared disease, with only one in four patients surviving a year. Relatives use to implore doctors not to tell patients of their diagnosis. Most patients died on acute surgical wards with poor palliative care – there were no Hospices. Pre-operative diagnosis was almost non-existent – ladies with a breast lump undergoing surgery first knew they had cancer when they came around from their anaesthetic and discovered for themselves that they had had a breast removed.

IOM ACA has funded research by Prof. Pizer at Alder Hey Children's Hospital for childhood Brain Tumours

IOM ACA has sponsored Prof. Marais who discovered a new drug for Malignant Melanoma

IOM ACA has funded PhD students doing Cancer Research

Considerable improvements in care and treatments have occurred over the past half century. Diagnosis and staging of the disease is now made before treatments commence. There are better surgical procedures, more focused radiotherapy and over a thousand drug treatments, to treat and control cancers. More information is available to patients, improved awareness of the early symptoms of tumours and better communication between doctor and patient. Psychological support is available for patients and families, with good palliative care for those whose disease defies present treatments. These have all arisen out of research, the funding provided mainly by the public.

The initial treatment cancer patients receive is the most crucial for their overall survival. Decisions on treatment for individuals are now determined by multi-disciplinary teams [MDTs] - comprised of the different specialists involved their care. Time scales have been laid down to minimise delays in access to specialists for investigation – in most cases ruling out the presence of a tumour. If a cancer diagnosis is made additional targets are set out for treatment.

**Ask anyone who has been affected by cancer what their greatest wish would be and the answer will nearly always be that there will be a lasting cure of their disease.
One day this wish will become a reality.**

Brought to you by the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association

**Celebrating 60 years of raising funds to support research into cancer, raise awareness and assist those affected by cancer
1959 – 2019**

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Most Manx Cancer sufferers receive at least part, if not all, of their treatment in Specialist Cancer Centres across, usually in the NW of England. With our relatively small population, the number of treatments that would need to be provided annually on Island for most cancer types is below the minimum required for recognition by Specialist Bodies for the maintenance of the necessary skills for the teams involved.

IOM ACA Facilitated the build of a Mould Room at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, to make masks for Radiotherapy treatment [£40K]

IOM ACA funded the build of a Gene Therapy room at The Christie Hospital {£60K}

IOM ACA has equipped the Teenage & Young Adult unit at Royal Liverpool Hospital

IOM ACA has provided funding for Relative's rooms and Innovative treatments for Prostate Cancer at the new Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in Liverpool which is opening mid-2020 [£410K]

Cancer survival has doubled in the past 40 years, with more than half of those receiving a cancer diagnosis now alive 10 or more years after their initial diagnosis – excellent news. However, survival in some tumour groups achieve a figure of 80% or more, while others, particularly lung, pancreas, oesophageal, ovarian and brain cancer, are only around 20%. Recent figures show that cancer is still the commonest cause of death within our population [just under 30% of all deaths].

IOM ACA has funded the following Services & facilities on the Island:

- In the past, £36K for Home Nursing Service for Cancer patients
- In 1988, purchased the first CT scanner for Noble's Hospital - £400K
- Purchased a Brain scanner [gamma camera] in 1991 - £140K
- In 2006, provided £50K to support the introduction of Breast Screening
- Facilitated introduction of Psycho-Oncology service
- Provided support for Hospice & Rebecca House
- Funded the design and print of Patient Information Leaflets & Binders
- Cancer Awareness sessions in Schools & the workplace
- Hardship Fund

Staywell Clinic at Noble's Hospital
funded entirely by IOM ACA for the past 55 years providing Cervical Screening
on Monday & Thursday evenings with female Staff for women of the Isle of Man
Tel. 642638 9am-2pm for an appointment

The Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association has raised over £22 million during its 60 years. This money has sponsored research to find better treatments and the cure – the 'C' in our logo stands for 'cure' – as well as to make funds available for equipment or facilities enabling advances to be introduced sooner for the benefit of Island Residents wherever that treatment may take place.

This work will continue in the future.

The Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association would like to thank all who have helped us raise funds over the past six decades, including all our District Branch members

A few of the very many projects that have been supported or carried out by IOM ACA over the past 60 years have been highlighted above.

The Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association still continues to raise funds for the benefit of those on the Island affected by Cancer. In 2018 we disbursed over £100,000.

If you would like to help us in any way by fundraising, volunteering or making a donation, please contact Sandy on 252725 or e-mail iomanticancer@gmail.com