



## NECRET Supporting Cancer Research



Cancer research is critically important towards ensuring that new and better cancer treatments and drugs continue to become available for people with cancer.

As part of NECRET's mission we believe it is important to help support vital clinical cancer research.

Our Lady of Lourdes and Beaumont Hospitals are both sister hospitals within the RSCI Hospital Group that work together in delivering patient care. Members of the NECRET board recently visited the RSCI Oncology Lab on the Beaumont campus, where the research is conducted to receive an update on the very latest developments the charity supports; including approaches to improve the treatment of bowel and lung cancers.

NECRET would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported it's cause and without whom these advances wouldn't be possible.



## Living with Cancer 2024

Our annual patient information and support day that brings together medical and nursing professionals, researchers and support organisations for people living with cancer will take place again in the City North Hotel (off M1), Gormanston, Co. Meath on the afternoon of September 28th.





# In Praise of Our Volunteers

As a small organisation our volunteers play a crucial role in helping us pursue our mission. Their valuable time and expertise are greatly appreciated.

Our flag day collection takes place in Dundalk on Friday October 18th, with our Drogheda Flag Day following on Saturday October 19th. Volunteers can join the NECRET volunteer team by texting 086 7773294.



## Care Packs & Blankets



All the Oncology & Haematology Unit Team and NECRET would like to offer their sincerest heartfelt thanks to Geraldine Reynolds and her Crochet Ladies & Gentlemen for the truly beautiful crocheted blankets for the NECRET Blankets of Care appeal.

Together with our Care Packs, these blankets are being distributed to patients attending the Unit by the nursing team.

## Upcoming Dates

- **July 20th**  
NECRET Boyne Camino Challenge
- **August 18th**  
Bikes and Trikes
- **September 8th**  
Northeast Dip in the Nip
- **September 28th** Living with Cancer: Patient Information & Support Day
- **October** is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

More details on NECRET events please visit <https://www.necret.ie/index>



## Launch of Exciting HSE Initiative

Big Congratulations to all the team on their recent launch of the myPatientSpace App that will help support patients attending the Unit through their treatment including educational support, video consultations and symptom monitoring.

It is a Quality Initiative introduced to the Oncology Day Ward in OLOL, with special mention directed to the Team involved: Wendy Rock; Fiona McNair; Kay McGinn; Patricia Martin; Joanne Hoey; Eleanor Campbell and Barry Matthews.



## Impact of NECRET

NECRET is fighting cancer every day in various ways. Our approach to achieving to supporting the highest quality cancer care involves using funds for:

- Latest Technologies & Unit Equipment
- Clinical Cancer Research
- Medical Staff Training & Education
- Cancer Education & Awareness

Read more about our vision and impact at <https://www.necret.ie/vision>

## Researchers Bench

Thanks to funding from NECRET, Professor Bryan Hennessy and Dr Sinead Toomey have designed a new breath collection device to enable them to advance their lung cancer research programme. They are now in the process of testing this device and plan to use it in a clinical trial to show that breath samples can be used to diagnose lung cancer at an early stage



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