Our aims

- To provide healthcare professionals and the public with the latest research findings and developments, so that best practice can be delivered promptly.

- To encourage and sponsor vital scientific research.

- To provide the best possible care for people with mesothelioma and their carers.

- To publicise the signs and symptoms of mesothelioma so that early diagnosis is facilitated.

- To highlight the importance of research into mesothelioma.

- To hold events to publicise the aims of the Fund, to gain awareness of the disease, principally in the workplace, and to bring together those affected by it.

The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund

We believe people with mesothelioma, and their families, have a right to:

1.普惠 delivery of the latest medical advances to patients.

2. Access to key healthcare professionals with special experience or training in mesothelioma.

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4. To non-specialists, in training and the workplace, including clinical guidelines and evidence-based materials.

5. Input of a Multi Disciplinary Team.

6. To support the non-specialist healthcare team and other non-specialist healthcare professionals to support patients and their families.

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International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference 2008

Researchers and health professionals from all over the world gathered in Amsterdam this week for the International Mesothelioma Interest Group (IMIG) annual conference, which this year was titled ‘Mesothelioma: Beyond the 2012 Programme’. The theme of the conference was chosen to coincide with the 70th birthday of Dr Mike Thomas, who passed away last year. The theme was also chosen in order to reflect a wide range of topics on mesothelioma research and clinical care that have been created over the last 70 years, and to celebrate the contributions of the many researchers who have worked on mesothelioma over the last 70 years.

The scientific sessions provided an overview of the range of topics covered at the conference and included invited presentations from researchers and clinicians who were either involved in the first IMIG meeting in 1988, or who have contributed to mesothelioma research in the UK and internationally. The sessions included discussions on advances in mesothelioma diagnosis and treatment, and on the potential role of targeted therapies.

The conference also highlighted the importance of collaboration between researchers and clinicians, and the need for continued support and funding for mesothelioma research. The conference concluded with a call for more funding and support for mesothelioma research, and the need to continue to raise awareness of the disease.

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Patient and Carer Day Leeds

The June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund was very proud to support the third Mesothelioma UK Patient & Carer Day in Leeds on 6 October 2008. It was a huge success, and we received some very positive feedback from attendees as to how beneficial the day was. A JHMRF grant helped enable this important day for mesothelioma patients and their carers to go ahead, providing as much practical and up to date quality information as possible.

The day featured a series of talks covering all aspects of mesothelioma, including medical experts, scientists and patient representatives. The speakers included JHMRF chair Jill Morrell, Dr Kate Hill, Dr Helen Clayson, Dr Marcus Deacon, Dr Zsuzsanna Tabi and Dr Bruce Parry. The day also included a panel discussion on the future of mesothelioma research, followed by a question and answer session.

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About the Fund and June

Family and friends are invited to visit June Hancock, the JHMRF’s ‘celebrity patient’, as she is visiting the ward for an important day for the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund. June, who was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 1997 shortly after June’s mother, Maie Gelder, also died from mesothelioma.

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Dust" to be showcased at the West Yorkshire Playhouse

In June 2008, ‘Dust’ by Kenneth Yates was diagnosed with mesothelioma, the cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. He was diagnosed with the disease in his early 20s, and the show was written in response to his diagnosis. The play follows a young man who becomes ill, and the story of his illness and his family’s experiences. The play was performed at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and it is now touring the UK.

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Hand held fans a real benefit

In memory of June Hancock, the JHMRF has provided a hand held fan for all the attendees of the conference, which will be donated to the June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund. It is hoped that the fans will be welcomed by all who attended the conference, and will be a real benefit to those who attended.

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Contact us

For more information about the JHMRF, please visit our website at www.junehancockfund.org.uk. You can also contact us by phone on 0113 244 7373, or by email at info@junehancockfund.org.uk. We welcome all support and donations, and are always looking for new ideas and projects to help raise awareness of mesothelioma. Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way.

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