

# ORACLE HEAD & NECK CANCER UK

**Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK is the leading Head and Neck cancer charity in the UK. The UK is currently in the midst of a head and neck cancer crisis.**

Our charity's mission is to improve Head & Neck Cancer patient quality Of life outcomes throughout the UK. We will do this through our RACE to

overcome the head and neck cancer crisis through work across our four key pillars:

Research, Awareness, Collaboration and the Experience of Patients and Carers.



## **Research projects**

Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK supports research projects that demonstrate potential to deliver and drive greater understanding about Head and Neck cancers, how best to treat them and where the greatest unmet needs are

## **Awareness campaigns**

Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK drives, delivers and supports awareness campaigns focused on Head and Neck cancers

## **Collaboration programmes**

Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK promotes and supports collaboration and creates key opportunities for knowledge sharing and agreeing best practice within Head and Neck cancers

## **Experience of patients**

Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK will support, promote and encourage more focus and understanding on the patient experience within Head and Neck cancers.

## OUR VISION

**Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK's** vision is to improve the quality of life and outcomes for head and neck cancer patients in the UK. We are committed to raising awareness, increasing knowledge, and fostering a deeper understanding of these cancers to ensure better diagnoses and treatments.

**But we can't do it without you!** Your support is essential in helping us reach more people, fund life-saving research, and provide crucial resources for those affected by head and neck cancer. **Please join us** in our mission to make a lasting difference in the lives of patients and their families. **Together**, we can create a **future with better outcomes and hope for all.**

"The end goal for all Head and Neck cancer surgeons (and of course patients) is for research to reveal improved early detection, minimally invasive techniques that offer patients faster recovery times, striking improvements on quality of life as well as providing emotional and wellness support services. Collaborative working is not just a worthwhile objective, it may be the only way to deliver successful and effective patient care."

**Immaculate Jeyakumar (Oracle volunteer ambassador) sums how we feel**

## OUR HISTORY

**Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK's** journey began in 1979, inspired by a single act of kindness—a £10,000 gift to the Royal Marsden Hospital. From that compassionate gesture, two pioneering charities emerged: **Oracle Cancer Trust**, founded by **ENT surgeon Peter Rhys-Evans**, and the **Head and Neck Cancer Foundation (HNCf)**, co-founded by **Professor Mark McGurk and Sir Frederick Hervey-Bathurst**. These visionaries saw the profound need to tackle the unique challenges of head and neck cancers, driven by a shared passion to improve lives.

On May 17, 2024, these two charities united to form **Oracle Head & Neck Cancer UK**, a pivotal step in our mission to bring hope to patients and families. Over the years, we have raised over **£8 million**, funded more than **50 research projects**, and contributed to over **200 published articles**. Today, as the UK's **leading head and neck cancer charity**, we remain deeply committed to advancing treatment, raising awareness, and offering vital support to those affected. Our work is fuelled by compassion, and with your support, we can continue **making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.**