



*To support research and  
the exchange of information  
on all aspects of Prostate Cancer*

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### **Prostate Cancer Research Foundation announces over £600k for research projects**

The Prostate Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) has announced funding of over £600K to support seven research projects to assist in finding a cure for prostate cancer. The funding, announced on Friday 10 February 2006, brings the total number of PCRF funded research projects to 23 since 1998 totaling over one million pounds.

Sir Clive Bourne, Chairman of the PCRF, said: "We are very excited to be funding these cutting edge research projects into a disease that kills one man every hour in the UK. It is only through funding more research that we will eventually have a better understanding of prostate cancer, and ultimately be able to discover the cures."

Previous research funded by the PCRF at the Institute of Cancer Research has provided evidence that differences in the genetic make-up of men's immune systems can have a direct bearing on their chances of developing prostate cancer.

"The successful projects to receive PCRF funding are listed below:

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<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Undertaken by</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Amount of Support</b>
Development and assessment of targeted radionuclide combined with death inducing and growth inhibiting immunotherapy for potential treatment of hormone refractory prostate cancer (HRPC)	Dr Ahuva Nissim & Professor Stephen J Mather	Barts and the London School of Medicine	£46,000 per year for two years
Isolation, culture and molecular characterisation of castration-refractory prostate cancer (CRPC) stem cells from clinical tumour material	Dr Johann de Bono, Dr Siân Rizzo and Dr David Hudson	Prostate Stem Cell Laboratory, Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton	£33,000 per year for three years
Importance of Interleuken-8 signalling as a mode of resistance of prostate cancer cells to ionizing radiation	Dr David Waugh, PhD	Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University, Belfast	£27,000 per year for three years
Endogenous anti-angiogenic tumour suppoessing VEGF splice variants in the treatment of prostate cancer	Dr Steven Harper, Mr David Gillatt and Dr Dave Bates	Bristol Urological Institute	£41,000 per year for two years
A gene therapy strategy for metastatic prostate cancer: use of a novel molecular switch for transcriptional tageting of iNOS	Prof David Hurst, Dr Tracy Robson and Dr Helen McCarthy	School of Pharmacy, Queen's University, Belfast	£46,000 for one year
Development of oncolytic adenoviruses for targeting of androgen-independent prostate cancers: enhancement of anti-tumour efficacy by combination therapies	Dr Gunnel Halldén	Cancer Research UK, Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry	£32,000 per year for three years
Investigation of environmental, lifestyle and genetic risk factors for prostate cancer in younger men	Prof Kenneth Muir	University of Nottingham Medical School	£34,000 per year for three years

## **Ends.**

For further information about the funded research projects and the PCRf, contact Emma Halls on 020 7536 6366, out of hours 07985 282625.

## **Notes to Editors:**

The Prostate Cancer Research Foundation was founded in 1991 by Sir Clive Bourne, himself a prostate cancer suffer. The PCRf's aim is to promote research into the causes of prostate cancer, by funding independent research anywhere in the world, and by linking together scientists and clinicians in all relevant fields from around the world at biennial forum to share their expertise and to find the cure or cures for this disease.

The foundation has a volunteer scientific and clinical advisory committee, which supervises existing research projects and evaluates new, worthwhile projects for sponsorship. The process of awarding grants is stringent, and involves peer review of grant applications.