At the Liverpool Ocular Oncology Centre (LOOC), we specialise in cancers and other tumours of the eye.

All our patients tend to have very rare conditions, such as ocular melanoma.

Patients come to our centre from all over the UK and elsewhere because of our international reputation as a model service. This is based not only on the quality of care we provide but also on our intensive research and teaching efforts which have improved practice around the world.

We owe much of our success to our patients, who have not only donated their tissues and data but who have also given us very generous financial support.

With this leaflet, we would like to let you know about our **Eye Tumour Research Fund** and how this has enhanced our research and our practice. We also have some suggestions as to how you can help us. You can find more information about us at [www.eyetumour.com](http://www.eyetumour.com) and at [www.loorg.org](http://www.loorg.org).

**Did you know?**

In the past five years alone, we have:

- Received more than 3300 patients, from more than 32 countries
- Treated more than 1400 patients with ocular melanoma
- Established a vascular tumour clinic, conjunctival tumour clinic and a nurse clinic
- Invested more than £120,000 in ultrasound equipment and ocular cameras
Our research

The Liverpool Ocular Oncology Research Group (LOORG) was established by Professor Sarah Coupland and Professor Bertil Damato in 2006. A major strength of the research group is the close collaboration between ocular oncology clinicians, pathologists and basic scientists that ensures that the research we conduct addresses the key questions that will bring about improved survival and quality of life for ocular oncology patients.

Our research is mostly focused on **ocular melanomas**, which can cause visual handicap, loss of the eye and fatal dissemination to other parts of the body. We also perform research on **ocular lymphomas**, which are also life-threatening.

Our greatest achievements so far include:

- Developing novel treatments, so that we are consistently achieving results that would have been impossible only a few years ago.
- Identifying genetic abnormalities in ocular melanomas, enhancing opportunities for prolonging life.
- Developing software programs for predicting survival prospects after treatment of intraocular melanoma, improving care and lifestyle planning.
- Developing new ways of classifying ocular melanomas and lymphomas, facilitating treatment and research.

We publish our findings in leading scientific journals and textbooks, deliver lectures at national and international conferences, receive students and distinguished visitors who come to learn from us, and we play important roles in influential research organisations.

In the past five years, we have:

- Published more than 82 articles in scientific journals, in additions to textbook chapters
- Delivered more than 180 lectures, over 100 of which were invited presentations
- Profoundly influenced the Treatment of Malignant Tumours staging system for ocular melanomas and lymphomas
- Established a clinical genetics laboratory for personalising patient care.
During the past five years our Eye Tumour Research Fund has allowed us to progress our essential research by supporting:

- Purchase of a sequencer for genetic tumour analysis (£82,000)
- Research into conjunctival melanomas (£56,500)
- Creation of a new website for the Ophthalmic Oncology Group (£10,500)
- Lymphoma research (£18,000)
- The retention of a highly-skilled scientist until her grant was renewed (£23,000)
- Sponsor a PhD studentship, who graduated in December 2010 (£73,800)

We have also achieved research grants from external charitable organisations:

- Cancer Research UK
- University of Liverpool
- EORTC
- North West Cancer Research Fund
- Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology Research Fund
- Fight for Sight
How you can support us

1. Leaving a legacy in your will.

Leaving a gift to The Eye Tumour Research Fund in your Will is one of the best ways you can help us. Many people don’t realise it, but ‘legacy’ gifts are the foundation of charities in the UK. All you have to do is make an amendment to your will (a codicil) through your solicitor, and simply request to include the following details:

I would like to leave a charitable gift of £____________ to:

The Eye Tumour Research Fund (Charity Number: 1047988-83)
The Charitable Funds Section, 1st Floor, Pembroke House
Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Prescot St, Liverpool, L7 8XP

2. Sending a cheque

Cash donations also make a huge difference to the work we carry out into ocular tumours. You may wish to use the below form to make a donation and claim Gift Aid, or alternatively accompany your donation with a letter. Please note cheques should be made payable to ‘The Eye Tumour Research Fund’.

I, ______________________ wish to donate £________to the Eye Tumour Research Fund.

Are you a UK taxpayer? If so, every £1 you give could be worth £1.25 to us, helping to fund vital work at no cost to you. All you need to do is fill in your details below.

‘Gift Aid Declaration: I am /am not a UK tax payer and would like the RL&BUH Eye Tumour Research Fund to reclaim tax on all contributions I make from this declaration until I notify otherwise’.

Signature: _________________________________ Date: ____/____/____
Address: _________________________________ Postcode: __________

Please return this to:

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Thank you!

Finally, we always love to hear about your plans to support us, so please keep in touch via email: fundraising@rlbuht.nhs.uk, or call 0151-706-3153