



# Honouring 15 years

## The Impact of Research

In addition to championing life-changing programs such as By Your Side, Survivors Teaching Students, and Knowledge is Power, Ovarian Cancer Canada has **invested over \$6 million in research**. This money furthers work in prevention, improved treatments, and ultimately a cure.

### A leading resource for ovarian cancer researchers

The national ovarian cancer tissue bank network collects ovarian tumours to share with scientists and physicians requiring samples for their research. The network has provided tissue and data to **over 400 research projects** and counting. This enabled:

- Initial testing for dozens of treatments
- Clinical trials of a new drug to treat ovarian cancer
- Discovery of gene mutations that increase risk
- And much more

The tissue bank is currently supporting 50 research projects in Canada alone.

### Building the community

The Corinne Boyer Chair in Ovarian Cancer Research is dedicated to bringing about more research and invigorating the scientific community by building capacity and resources. Over the last 10 years, this position has **helped to quadruple the number of ovarian cancer researchers in Canada**.

### Connecting researchers

The Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research is a unique opportunity for researchers from across the country to share their expertise and build collaborative networks that help **speed discoveries from bench to bedside**. Particularly when researchers join forces to:

- Develop resources
- Increase knowledge
- Build capacity through training

*Did you know?*

Over time the Conference has helped establish one of the **most coordinated and cooperative networks of ovarian cancer researchers in the world**.



*Research Team at the Walk*

## Keeping the lab lights on

Funding highly-ranked operating grant applications through:

- A total of **seven one-year grants** ranked by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- **Five grants and counting** in a new partnership with the Cancer Research Society

## Inspiring the next generation

To ensure that future generations are in good hands:

- **GOC/OCC Galloway Elective Grants** have been awarded to 12 recipients. Of these, 11 have gone on to pursue careers in gynecologic oncology, meaning that **more women will soon be able to benefit from the care of a gynecologic oncologist**.
- Trainee Travel Awards have been provided to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to enable their **firsthand insights into best practices and new approaches** in other research centres.



## Doubling up

Ovarian Cancer Canada partners with leading organizations to inspire added funding:

- The Cancer Research Society matches Ovarian Cancer Canada's investment in top-ranked grant applications that focus on ovarian cancer.
- The Terry Fox Research Institute matched a one-year investment to provide funding for COEUR, a project to identify biomarkers that signal ovarian cancer.

An estimated **\$3 million in additional funding** for ovarian cancer research has been brought forward **because of Ovarian Cancer Canada's investment**.

All of this is made possible by the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope and your donations.

While there is a long way to go, **every step and every dollar counts**.



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