

Protect the *future*
of those you love.

Leave a gift in your Will for
cancer research.



Imagine a *legacy* that endures beyond a lifetime.

“Since 1991, our network of dedicated health professionals has led innovative, ground-breaking research to improve survival rates, enhance quality of life, and move closer to a cure for gastro-intestinal (GI) cancers. By leaving a gift in your Will, you become an enduring part of this mission, giving future patients the hope and healing they deserve.”

*– Professor Lorraine Chantrell
Medical oncologist, past Chair and current Ambassador of GI Cancer Trials*

Ruth Henwood creates a *legacy* to give hope.

Ruth's gift in her Will is in memory of her late husband, Lance, who passed away from oesophageal cancer in 2013.

Shortly after Lance and Ruth were engaged, he started to feel sick. Lance's illness was not recognised as oesophageal cancer until he had been unwell for around six months, as is the case for many people.

Ruth remembers, "We were just told from the start, there's no treatment." The current five-year survival rate for oesophageal cancer is just 23%, and survival outcomes are lower for people who are diagnosed when the cancer is already advanced. There are few effective treatments for advanced oesophageal cancer."

Faced with devastating news, Lance and Ruth moved their wedding forward. They were married in the palliative care ward of Westmead Hospital.

Lance passed away two days later. Ruth's decision to include a gift in her Will to GI Cancer Trials for oesophageal cancer research is motivated by a desire to help others in the future, one which she and Lance shared.

"When friends of his asked Lance what they could donate to, he said research, so no one else has to go through this." – Ruth





“My bequest to GI Cancer Trials will support the research that is going to find a cure.” – Isabel

My older sister was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2013. Despite several rounds of chemotherapy, she died in August 2014. It was just so fast.

Since her death, my niece Jessica and I learned a lot more about pancreatic cancer. We discovered how low survival rates were – and shockingly, how little those survival rates have improved over the past 50 years.

Jessica and I were determined that my sister's death would count. That's why we started to host events to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer. We encouraged our family

and friends to wear purple and posted on social media.

I've also made a bequest to GI Cancer Trials in my Will. I know firsthand how much needs to be done to find cures for people with GI cancer. And research is the only thing that's going to get those cures.

Leaving a legacy to an organisation like GI Cancer Trials is important to me.

It makes me feel hopeful that, even after I'm gone, I can still help further the search for better treatments for patients with GI cancer – people just like my sister.

Leaving a gift in your Will means the *breakthroughs* we're achieving today can continue for years to come.

Over the last 35 years, we've conducted 90 research studies which have helped change how people with GI cancer are treated for the better. The advances we have made in GI cancer research include:

We have extended life expectancy for people with GI cancer by investigating:

- Oral chemotherapy as an alternative to intravenous therapies
- New drug treatments
- Targeted and personalised therapies
- Preoperative chemo radiation
- Novel combinations of treatments

We have improved quality-of-life by:

- Reducing side effects by a different combination of chemotherapies
- Identifying patients who do not benefit from certain therapies
- Demonstrating that a shorter duration of treatment is equally efficacious but less toxic in the adjuvant treatment of colorectal cancer

We have tested new targeted therapies:

- Demonstrating that a drug that acts on tumour growth is safe and active in oesophageal cancer
- Showing that a monoclonal antibody treatment is likely to benefit selected patients with bile duct cancer

We have established surgical guidelines to:

- Improve survival outcomes for pancreatic cancer patients

Your legacy will support the next generation of clinical trials and bring hope to countless individuals and families facing GI cancer. It's a powerful way to make a lasting difference, ensuring that your support of life-saving research continues to change lives long into the future.

A bequest gift accelerates breakthroughs

A generous bequest brought the BIL-PPP trial to life, fast-tracking advanced treatments for cholangiocarcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. This research is offering hope to patients sooner than ever imagined.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a profound way to make a *difference*.

There are many heartfelt reasons why people choose to leave a bequest to GI Cancer Trials.

For some, it's a way to honour a loved one who has faced the devastating impact of GI cancer. For others, it's a deeply personal decision to contribute to the fight against a disease that affects so many families.

Every gift, no matter the size, plays a vital role in driving cutting-edge research into new treatments for people with GI cancer.

By leaving a bequest to GI Cancer Trials your compassion and commitment can live on, creating lasting change in the lives of those touched by GI cancer.

Together, we can give families more time, bring hope, and work toward a future free from this disease.



Types of bequests

There are number of descriptions used when talking about the type of bequest you might consider leaving. The following are some commonly understood definitions for the way you can structure a bequest.

Specific Bequest

A gift of assets such as a home, land, money, shares, art, or other item of value.

Residual Bequest

The remainder of your estate after specific gifts have been disbursed.

Percentage Bequest

The nominated gift is a percentage of the Estate.

Pecuniary Bequest

A gift of a specific dollar amount.

Information for your solicitor

GI Cancer Trials
ABN 34 093 854 267
Locked Bag M250
Camperdown NSW 2050
Endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

The correct wording for your Will

It is important that the wording in a bequest clearly expresses your wishes. It is recommended that you consult your legal advisor in the preparation of your Will or amendment to your existing Will.

A bequest can either be made for an unrestricted or a specific purpose. Please ensure that your solicitor or the person preparing your Will includes the following suggested wording:

'I give to GI Cancer Trials ABN 34 093 854 267 (GCT) the residue of my estate [OR] xx per cent of my estate [OR] the sum of \$xx [OR] (list specific items), free of all duties and taxes, and the receipt of the secretary or other authorised officer for the time being of GCT is an absolute discharge for my executor(s).'

For a confidential conversation, please contact **Tiffany Meiliunas** on **(02) 7208 2729** or email **tiffany@gicancer.org.au**.

As we have recently changed the name of our organisation, please note our previous trading names, GI Cancer Institute and Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group, will continue to be business names, and our legal company name, Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group, has not changed. The ABN (34 093 854 267) remains the same. If you have included AGITG or GI Cancer Institute in your Will, your bequest continues to be legally valid, provided the ABN is correctly recorded. No changes to your Will are required as a result of this name change.



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Together, we create change.

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Thank you for your consideration and support.