

BRINGING NEW CANCER TREATMENTS TO PATIENTS

Clinical trials are studies of medical treatments in people, and they play a key role in developing new ways to treat cancer.

The Cancer Clinical Trials Unit has been in operation in Beaumont Hospital since 2000 and offers many patients early access to new and innovative cancer treatments and the opportunity to shape the future of cancer therapies.

The Unit co-ordinates the cancer clinical trials activity between Beaumont Hospital, Connolly Hospital, and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda, and its doctors belong to the All-Ireland Cooperative Oncology Research Group, which develops and participates in national and international cancer research projects.

“The Cancer Clinical Trials Unit continues to focus predominantly on the tumour types treated by our dedicated surgeons and physicians,” says consultant medical oncologist Dr Oscar Breathnach.

“As such, our clinical and translation studies focus on breast cancer, colorectal cancer, central nervous system cancers, haematological malignancies, lung cancer, genito-urinary cancers, oesophagogastric cancers, ovarian cancer and skin malignancy, with a particular focus on melanoma.”

“Many of the medications used today are the results of clinical trials, which typically take place after a drug or treatment has been tested for safety and effectiveness in laboratory and animal tests.”

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