

# **New developments in Cancer – a whirlwind tour of 2007**

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# General Overview of 2007

- Significant year
- New opportunities - A new Prime Minister and new Government
- Cancer charity activity

# Britain Against Cancer 2006

- Health Secretary announces plans for Cancer Reform Strategy

## February 2007

- Office of Fair Trading report into the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS)
- Cancer Reform Strategy board members announced
- Bowel Cancer Screening Programme rolls out to include five more areas
- Tamoxifen trial at The Royal Marsden

## May 2007

- Karolinska study published, showing that the UK has one of the worst records over access to new cancer drugs as stark inequalities exist across the world.
- The report 'Getting it right for people with cancer: The clinical case for change' by Mike Richards published

## June 2007

- New health ministers in Government
- ASCO annual conference in Chicago
  - Research shows that Sorafenib for Advanced Liver Cancer Increases Survival

**July 2007**

- England goes smoke free
- ICR scientists locate Bowel Cancer Gene

# August 2007

- EUROCARE 4 report published

## September 2007

- The Prime Minister's announcement that cancer screening is to be expanded and waiting times to be further reduced
- ECCO conference in Barcelona

## October 2007

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- Lord Darzi sets out initial vision for the NHS 'Our NHS, Our Future'
- Nobel prize for stem cells research
- Tobacco age of sale rises to 18
- HPV vaccine recommended for NHS immunisation programme

## November 2007

- The World Cancer Research Fund Report entitled 'Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer: a Global Perspective' is published.
- Launch of 'Because Men Matter: the Case for Clinical Nurse Specialists in Prostate Cancer.'

# Britain Against Cancer 2007

- End of Life strategy
- Cancer Reform Strategy