



**MEDIA ALERT – MOUTH CANCER FOUNDATION GIVES GRANT TO THE INSTITUTE
OF CANCER RESEARCH**

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INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE:

- **FOUNDER OF THE MOUTH CANCER FOUNDATION – DR VINOD JOSHI**
- **SCIENTIFIC SPOKESPERSON FOR THE INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH – DR ELIZABETH RAPLEY.**

To set up an interview and for more information please call Media Ambitions on 0208 940 2222.

The UK's leading Mouth Cancer Charity, the Mouth Cancer Foundation, has awarded a grant of £12,000 to The Institute of Cancer Research.

The founder of the **Mouth Cancer Foundation** Dr Joshi says “*Head and neck cancer survivors suffer from many severe side-effects with current treatments. Our charity is pleased to support Dr Kevin Harrington’s research into targeted therapies for head and neck cancers which could improve survival while reducing these problems and improve patients’ quality of life.*”

Dr Elizabeth Rapley, the scientific spokesperson for The Institute of Cancer Research says ‘*We are grateful to the Mouth Cancer Foundation for their support of Dr Harrington’s research. This grant will help us develop new targeted treatments for nearly 8,000 patients diagnosed with mouth and other head and neck cancers each year in the UK.*’

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The Mouth Cancer Foundation – www.mouthcancerfoundation.org

The Mouth Cancer Foundation is a registered charity no. 1109298.

In 2010 The Mouth Cancer Foundation celebrates its 5th anniversary.

In the UK, nearly 8000 people are diagnosed with Mouth Cancer every year. Cancers can occur in any part of the mouth, tongue, lips, and adjacent areas like the throat, salivary glands, pharynx, larynx, sinus,

and other sites in the head and neck area. In its very early stages, these Mouth Cancers can be easy to ignore.

Symptoms include:

1. An ulcer or white or red patch anywhere in the mouth that does not heal within 3 weeks
2. A lump or swelling anywhere in the mouth, jaw or neck that persists for more than 3 weeks
3. A difficulty in swallowing, chewing or moving the jaw or tongue
5. A numbness of the tongue or other area of the mouth
6. A feeling that something is caught in the throat
7. A chronic sore throat or hoarseness that persists more than 6 weeks
8. An unexplained loosening of teeth with no dental cause

More information about Mouth Cancer is available at the Mouth Cancer Foundation web site www.mouthcancerfoundation.org or by emailing info@mouthcancerfoundation.org.

The Institute of Cancer Research (ICR)

- The ICR is Europe's leading cancer research centre
- The ICR has been ranked the UK's top academic research centre, based on the results of the Higher Education Funding Council's Research Assessment Exercise
- The ICR works closely with partner The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust to ensure patients immediately benefit from new research. Together the two organisations form the largest comprehensive cancer centre in Europe
- The ICR has charitable status and relies on voluntary income, spending 90 pence in every pound of total income directly on research
- As a college of the University of London, the ICR also provides postgraduate higher education of international distinction
- Over its 100-year history, the ICR's achievements include identifying the potential link between smoking and lung cancer which was subsequently confirmed, discovering that DNA damage is the basic cause of cancer and isolating more cancer-related genes than any other organisation in the world

For more information visit www.icr.ac.uk