Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust



What legacy will you leave?

A gift in your will has the power to change so many people's lives

Addenbrooke's began with a gift in a will – and now you can play a part in our wonderful history of care

Over 250 years ago, one man's vision and a gift in his will led to the formation of Addenbrooke's Hospital. Since then, gifts in wills have continued to play a key part in the work that happens here, helping to save lives and transform patient care.

Leaving a gift in a will is so simple – but could save so many lives

With just a few words, you can leave a legacy that will change people's lives forever. Simply by including a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's, you could help the hospital give patients the life-changing and often life-saving treatment they need.



1766

Addenbrooke's opened, thanks to the gift of £4,500 from Dr John Addenbrooke in his will to "hire and fit up, purchase or erect a small, physical hospital in the town of Cambridge for poor people."

1813

The bookseller John Bowtell left £7,000 in his will to Addenbrooke's for enlarging the hospital.

You could create a better future for babies like James.

Gifts in wills helped to pay for innovative therapy to stimulate and soothe baby James.

When he was born, James was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and faced a prolonged stay at Addenbrooke's. Music therapy gave him gentle stimulation which helped to settle him. "James was on a ventilator and had loss of movement in his limbs," says Hannah, his mother. "Music therapy offered stimulation for James and we know he enjoyed it as it calmed him."



1898

Alexander Peckover gave over £1,000 to Addenbrooke's to build an operating theatre with electric light.

1914

A new outpatients department was built as a memorial to King Edward VII at a cost of £10,000, raised by public subscription.

Leave a gift for cancer patients like Dean

Gifts in wills are helping cancer patients like Dean overcome painful side-effects.

Dean was diagnosed with lymphoma when he was 34 years old. Following two stem cell transplants and numerous therapies, he is now cancer free, but he has graft-versus-host disease, an extremely painful side effect caused by bone marrow transplantation. Weekly treatments on an extra corporeal photopheresis (ECP) machine help to ease the pain. "It's marvellous," says Dean, "I have had 42 procedures to date and it's really helping with my skin condition."



1933

A legacy of nearly £32,000 from Mrs Elizabeth Goode helped to build the new Goode Ward.

1962

The hospital's new Hills Road site fully opened, with six clinic suites, an outpatient theatre, biochemistry and haematology labs, and more.

Make a difference for patients like Ruth recovering from trauma

Patients like Ruth can find peace and tranquility in our healing gardens, thanks to gifts in wills.

Following a rupture close to her brain, Ruth needed emergency neurosurgery. During her time in hospital, she craved a peaceful spot away from all the bright lights and the busy activity of the hospital. She found the gardens a real relief, enabling her to find some peace and to take her mind off the operations. "It made it easier to focus not on being ill, but on getting well again," says Ruth.



1983

The Rosie Maternity Unit opened, creating a purpose-built maternity hospital for our region. The unit was part-funded by a gift from local entrepreneur Sir David Robinson.

1999

A legacy from Mrs Emmeline Waley-Cohen helped to build the Emmeline Centre, a state-of-the-art audiology unit.

Leave a legacy for transplant patients like Paul

A liver perfusion machine is saving lives, thanks to gifts in wills.

After receiving surgery for liver cancer, Paul was put on the liver transplant list. When a liver became available, the team at Addenbrooke's used a newly-purchased perfusion machine to check it was suitable before the transplant, ensuring a higher chance of success. The surgery was a success, and Paul is now able to live a normal life once again. "I can't praise them enough," says Paul, "The surgeons, the consultants, the nurses, they were absolutely marvellous."



2006

Addenbrooke's Emergency Assessment Unit was officially opened by Professor Sir George Alberti, providing early treatment to patients referred by their GP or the A&E department.

2013

Her Majesty the Queen opened the new Rosie Hospital extension, a vital facility providing maternity and neonatal services to the local population as well as specialist obstetrics services.

2020 onwards

Play your part in our story

Thousands of people have had life-saving treatment at Addenbrooke's thanks to the foresight and kindness of people who have left gifts in wills in the past. You may personally know people who have been helped here.

Every day, around 2,700 patients are seen at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie. At Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, we want to make sure we can carry on supporting their work so they can continue providing world-leading and life-saving care.

Whatever size of gift you give, you have the power to transform care and treatment for patients in the future.

You could help us reach more life-saving milestones with one simple gift

The government recently announced a plan to build a pioneering children's hospital at Addenbrooke's. This will transform care for children and families across the region, as the East of England is the only area in the country currently without its own bespoke children's hospital.

The hospital will bring together some of the world's top scientists and clinicians to treat some of the most challenging illnesses that children face. It will change and save thousands of young lives. And you could play a vital role in this crucial milestone, by making a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's.

What will your legacy be? Even the smallest gift in a will can make a huge difference.



Gifts in wills explained

How to leave a lasting legacy

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When you are thinking about leaving a gift in your will to a cause you care about, there are lots of things to consider.

We've answered some of the most common questions we receive here, but please feel free to contact us on 01223 217757 if you'd like to know anything more. We cannot provide legal advice, only informal guidance and recommend you to speak to a legal adviser too.

Why should I make a will?

A will is the only way of ensuring that your dependants are provided for in the way you wish after your death.

If you die without a will, a court will appoint administrators to deal with the distribution of everything you own.

What about my loved ones?

The beauty of leaving a gift in a will to a charity is that you can make sure your friends and family are taken care of first. After them, you can then leave a donation to a charity you care about like Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

What types of gifts are there?

There are two main types of gift that you can leave to individuals and organisations:

A cash gift

This could be a specified sum of money or perhaps a specific item such as a gift of jewellery, stocks or property.

Recommended wording:

I give the sum of .....pounds (to be written in words) £.....(in figures) to the Trustees of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1170103) of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 0QQ to apply for the benefit of the Trust in such manner as they in their discretion think fit absolutely but not imposing any binding liability on the Trustees in this respect.*

A percentage gift

This is a gift of all or part of what is left of your estate after taxes and debts are paid and all your other legacies have been distributed – known as the 'residue'.

Recommended wording:

I give .....% of the residue of my estate to the Trustees of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1170103) of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 0QQ to apply for the benefit of the Trust in such manner as they in their discretion think fit absolutely but not imposing any binding liability on the Trustees in this respect.*

*If you would like your gift to benefit a particular department or area of the hospital, please insert this phrase:

…for the benefit of (specific ward/department etc.)

What if I want to find out more?

We can send you more information about what a gift in your will could help to achieve. We also recommend speaking to a solicitor or a legal adviser. The Law Society can help you find a solicitor in your area.

Why should I let you know my intentions?

You are under no obligation whatsoever, but if you let us know your intentions, we will be able to plan ahead and carry on helping to provide world-leading care for patients. We will also be able to thank you properly and keep you up-to-date with the vital work that is happening at Addenbrooke's.

If you'd like to discuss leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's, call us on 01223 217757

What type of gift is best for Addenbrooke's?

We are always delighted to receive cash gifts. However, **a percentage gift is by far the most effective way of remembering us in your will** because it ensures that the value of your gift is not affected by inflation and you don't have to change your will if your circumstances change.

How do you spend my money?

We do everything we can to make sure that any gift is spent on patient care. We keep our fundraising costs to a minimum and you can be sure that your money will be spent wisely and according to your wishes.

How can I change my will?

Never write on your will, as that would invalidate it. If you are making major changes, you might need to write a new will. If you are making minor additions, you can use a separate document called a codicil, which must be signed and witnessed.

What about inheritance tax?

At the moment, if your estate is worth over £325,000, your loved ones could end up paying inheritance tax at 40%, meaning that they might receive less than you intended. By leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust for the excess of your estate above £325,000, you can make sure your family receives the full amount intended to them.

Our promise to you

- We understand that your family and loved ones will come first
- We will respect your privacy. All enquiries will be kept completely confidential
- We recognise that leaving a gift in your will is a private decision and that you need to make it in your own time
- If you have left us a gift, we'd love it if you could tell us – but you don't have to
- We will spend your money carefully and cost-effectively
- We will give you the opportunity to be kept updated about the work we do, made possible by gifts like yours
- We recognise that you can change your mind at any time in the future
- You can ask for your gift to be spent where the need is greatest at that time - since we can't always predict what our priorities will be in years to come. Alternatively, you can designate your gift to a specific department or area of Addenbrooke's or the Rosie
- We will handle all gifts efficiently and with sensitivity and respect.

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What will your legacy be?

If, like so many other people, you have a place in your heart for Addenbrooke's Hospital, one of the best ways you can support our work is by leaving a gift in your will.

Any gift, no matter how large or how small, makes a huge difference to the work we can do. You will help to save lives in years to come, and will play an invaluable part in the Addenbrooke's story.

If you want to know more, or have already pledged a gift in your will, please click here.

Or visit:
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