Leave a legacy of gratitude and hope – and help us provide world-leading care.

Please let us know if you can support Addenbrooke's in this way – return the enclosed form today.

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A gift in your will can save lives at Addenbrooke's.

What legacy will you leave?

From world-leading patient care to innovative research, the success of Addenbrooke's Hospital is built on gifts people have left in their wills

Gifts in wills have always been a crucial part of Addenbrooke's. The very hospital itself was established in 1766 with a gift in a will left by John Addenbrooke. By leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's you can help us to go above and beyond NHS care, funding innovative healthcare and research projects that enable the hospital to offer world-class support to everyone who needs it.

If you are considering leaving a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's, please feel free to call us on 01223 217757. We'd love to chat and tell you just what a wonderful difference your support could make.



Everywhere across the hospital, gifts in wills are changing lives

Gifts in wills played a huge part in enabling us to cope with the demands placed on the hospital and our staff during the COVID-19 crisis. They also ensured that we were able to fund research projects to tackle the virus and improve our medical care. A gift in your will could help us continue to offer the very best healthcare possible to everyone who needs it.

A gift in a will helped to transform our Renal Ward

The Renal Ward at Addenbrooke's has been transformed, thanks to a kind woman, Marcia Cunningham, who left a generous gift in her will. The new design helps to put patients at their ease – for instance, essential services and equipment are discreetly kept behind attractive new headboards, which helps to create a calmer, more relaxed atmosphere. Each bed is also capable of offering dialysis, which means patients no longer need to be moved to another area for treatment, reducing stress and discomfort.



"We wouldn't be able to undertake any of these improvement projects to the same extent if it wasn't for charitable support. This refurbishment has certainly benefited all the patients and we know that the NHS only has so much resource to make these extra differences."

Laura Wilton-Cox, Senior Sister, Renal Ward

A legacy of gratitude could save many lives in the future

Researchers at Addenbrooke's are looking into new therapies for rare cancerous tumours of the stomach, thanks to a kind legacy from a former patient, Phil Croft. Normally, these tumours cannot easily be treated but this research could lead to treatments that will save many lives. You could make a similar life-saving difference, by choosing to leave a gift in your will to Addenbrooke's.



"Thanks to this kindness, we will hopefully gain further information and knowledge about suitable treatment options for patients with this rare type of tumour."

Dr Ruth Casey, Consultant Endocrinologist, Department of Medical Genetics

Funding award-winning research into COVID-19's long-term effects

Several gifts in wills are helping to fund a multi-disciplinary research study - launched right at the start of the pandemic - into the long-term effects of COVID-19. Our researchers believe that the virus might trigger long-term damage in people, and are looking into the effects on the lungs, heart and brain.



"With ACT funding we have been able to fund a multifaceted approach to COVID-19 research that is hugely valuable in itself and also provides a major Cambridge contribution to the large-scale national research programme."

Dr Miles Parkes, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Director of the Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre

How gifts in wills can help Addenbrooke's provide world-class healthcare for generations to come

Addenbrooke's has always led the way in healthcare, and we continue to have an inspiring vision for the future. We are a teaching hospital and are constantly funding research that could lead to medical breakthroughs, advancements in knowledge and new treatments. You could leave a legacy of hope for the future, with a gift in your will that could go on to fund a transformational development in healthcare.

You could help us prepare for unexpected events like the COVID-19 pandemic

It can take a long time to diagnose critically ill patients who have breathing conditions. A gift in a will helped Addenbrooke's develop a powerful tool called the Taqman array card, which was able to rapidly diagnose infections. Using the card, doctors were able to make decisions about patients' treatment much faster. When the COVID-19 crisis happened, the ability to diagnose and treat patients quickly and efficiently was a game-changer that meant Addenbrooke's was able to save more lives.



"This has helped us to equip ourselves for the winter, and has given us a multi-pathogen diagnostic capability that few other hospitals in the country have – allowing us not only to diagnose COVID-19, but also all the other pathogens that can cause harm."

Dr Vilas Navapurkar, Consultant Anaesthetist, Intensive Care Unit

You could help build a hospital for sick children in the East of England

The East of England doesn't currently have a specialist children's hospital, which means children can have to travel long distances to get the care they need. A gift in your will could help us build a bespoke hospital that will integrate mental and physical healthcare for children, and also support research. It could make a huge difference to a child suffering from a rare cancer or other life-threatening condition.



"This is a landmark moment for children in the East of England, and together we can set a new standard for child health nationally and internationally."

Dr Rob Heuschkel, Clinical Director for Cambridge Children's Hospital Project

You could support a ground-breaking cancer research hospital that could help to save countless lives

A gift in your will could help support a new Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital, connecting clinical expertise from Addenbrooke's with world-class science across the University of Cambridge. You would be helping to ensure patients benefit from the very latest, life-saving research. From detecting cancer early to enabling precise and effective treatments, your gift could transform treatments for generations to come.



"Addenbrooke's has always stayed true to its vision of being at the cutting-edge of healthcare, supporting ground-breaking research and investing in transformative treatment. Gifts in wills are essential to achieving our vision for the future."

Dr Sue Broster, Director of Transformation, Addenbrooke's Hospital