

**37,000 men will be diagnosed with a male-specific cancer this year;
each man a husband, father, son, brother, grandfather and friend.**

Incidence of the uniquely male cancers; prostate, penile and testicular is growing yet sadly these cancers are too often overlooked for support.

Orchid is the only UK charity working for everyone affected by testicular, prostate or penile cancer. Orchid exists to save men's lives from testicular, prostate and penile cancers through pioneering research and promoting awareness.

- Testicular cancer is the most common cancer for men aged 15-45; each year around 2,000 young men are diagnosed and face the emotional and physical trauma of fighting this disease.
- Prostate cancer is now the biggest cancer threat to men in the UK with over 35,000 cases diagnosed each year; sadly one man dies every hour from this disease.
- Cancer of the penis is thankfully very rare in Europe. It is most often diagnosed in men over the age of 60. There are about 360 cases in the UK every year and sadly one in four patients does not survive.

Every year we support thousands of male cancer patients and their families through our portfolio of publications and factsheets, a dedicated website, campaigns, events and our award winning DVD – “Know Your Balls - Check ‘Em Out”. Our network of leading researchers and health professionals also provide specialist information via email and the telephone.

Orchid-funded research aims to increase scientific understanding of prostate, penile and testicular cancer to benefit current and future generations of men affected by these diseases. Projects cover a range of key research issues including the use of genetic markers to predict the progression of cancer and the use of specific drugs to improve the success of existing treatments.

**Orchid's investment into high quality research projects is making a difference
to thousands of men and their families**

Educating and informing about prostate, penile and testicular cancer is vital to helping men and women to recognise symptoms associated with these diseases so that early diagnosis can be made. As with most cancers, male cancers are easier to treat if diagnosed early.

**Support for Orchid will help to save men's lives and
preserve the quality of life for men and their families.**

