

2023 Winter Trials Appeal



As Western Australia's only private funder of pancreatic, gastro-intestinal and rare cancer research, we aren't simply another voice calling for better therapies and treatment options for these deadly diseases; we are leading the conversation. Our responsibility is profound. We shine a spotlight on these cancers and do everything in our power to improve treatment options and outcomes for patients and those that love them. And we do this by funding revolutionary clinical trials and projects to accelerate and expand life-saving treatment options.

The progress we've made since our inception in February 2022 has the potential to give so many families more time and more hope for the future. This does not happen without the support of people like you. Please give today to WARPINE's Winter Trials Appeal. We have set an ambitious target to raise \$250,000 to expedite bold, innovative clinical trials that bring us closer to our primary goal of transforming pancreatic, gastro-intestinal and rare cancers into curable diseases, providing hope to patients and their families.

With your support, we can continue to drive breakthroughs in pancreatic, gastro-intestinal and rare cancer research through world-first patient-focused trials like the iLSTA trial for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

Your contribution to WARPINE'S Winter Trials Appeal will help WARPINE-funded researchers to accelerate clinical trials of novel

new drugs and combinations in pancreatic, gastro-intestinal and rare cancers because every dollar you give today will go directly to our objectives, providing hope to those impacted by these cancers, and patients more time with loved ones.

Please give as generously as you can this tax time; every donation makes a difference.

Your support today will honour the memories of those we have lost and create much-needed hope for those bravely facing these diseases today.

Meg Croucher

WARPNINE CEO

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"Based on the promising information from research to date, I am confident that by participating in this trial, the best possible outcomes will be achieved for me. In the process, I am pleased to do my bit to help advance science and accelerate the availability of a novel drug that will save future patients' lives."

Pieter Jagtenberg, Patient

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Meet Pieter; he is one of the 4,500+ people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Australia each year. For people like Pieter and his family, research and clinical trials provide hope at a time when hope can be in short supply.

In early 2005 Pieter Jagtenberg immigrated to Australia to progress his career in engineering. Accompanied by his wife, Tina, and three young children, they settled in Perth and were welcomed into the local community.

By early 2020, Pieter and Tina were empty nesters, leaving them to experience the romance of the open road on various adventures across Western Australia's captivating landscapes and rediscover their backyard. Apart from some niggling 'gas' pain that Pieter self-diagnosed as an emerging lactose intolerance, he felt fit and healthy. Life was good.

After removing dairy from his diet, the familiar travelling pain he had become accustomed to stopped, which unmasked a consistent, focused pain in his upper abdomen. Usually not a fan of GP visits, the signs worried Pieter enough to make an appointment in February 2023. By early March, the results of the initial CT scan revealed abnormalities consistent with pancreatic cancer.

Thanks to his proactive GP, Pieter was immediately referred to a specialist team of surgeons, gastroenterologists and endoscopists. The initial diagnosis and time spent waiting on additional scans and test results took a mental toll on the outcomes-focused and action-driven Pieter. Knowing the importance of time, particularly when dealing with a diagnosis of an aggressive cancer type, Pieter was keen to have a clear treatment and battle plan. As 'fortune' would have it, Pieter's diagnosis coincided with the start of recruitment for the i-LSTA trial, and he eagerly agreed to be the first patient to participate.

"The iLSTA Trial is potentially the first major opportunity we have to enable immunotherapy to fully engage against pancreatic cancer. It is an important step in our mission to create new hope for patients by providing meaningful treatment options."

**Meg Croucher,
WARPNINE CEO**

Clinical trials and research are essential to developing new treatments and fundamental to giving patients and their families hope and more time.

The extraordinary support of the WARPNINE community has enabled WARPNINE to sponsor this innovative and potentially game-changing trial and give families like Pieter's hope at a time when it can be in short supply.

The work we strive to support goes beyond laboratories and doctors' rooms. It touches the lives of people like Pieter. Your support of WARPNINE will help us support more patient-focused projects and trials so that more patients like Pieter can access the care and treatment options they need.

Please give as generously as you can this tax time so that we can continue to charge at warp speed to find the cancer treatments of the future.



Pieter at Nature's Window in Kalbarri



"I have always been interested in cancer research; I have gained an incredible level of motivation and dedication to involve myself in the study and treatment of this disease after losing multiple family members and friends to cancer during my childhood. The most significant was the loss of my mother to pancreatic cancer and leptomenigeal disease in 2015."

Olivia Comito, WARPINE Researcher

Meet our WARPINE Research Fellow, Olivia Comito

After graduating from Penrhos College in 2019 with an ATAR of 96.9, Olivia received early admission to the University of Notre Dame. Ranked as one of the top ten students within her bachelor's degree in biomedical science and chosen by the University's Board of Examiners to be the Academic Representative for the degree, Olivia received an offer to complete an Honours degree in Biomedical Science in 2023.

Basing her educational choices on her desire to become an Oncologist, Olivia's drive and passion are uncompromising. *"I plan on studying for a Doctor of Medicine, specialising in Oncology, after completing my master's degree, which I will begin at the start of 2024."*

Besides her current WARPINE Fellowship, Olivia has also had placements at Telethon Kids Institute and the Harry Perkins Institute of Medicine. *"At Harry Perkins, I worked on identifying and analysing genetic mutations linked to cancer development, and in my spare time, I stimulated a virus outbreak."*

Outside of work and study, Olivia volunteers at Perth Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House as a Family Ambassador, assisting families with terminally



Olivia and Nick at the 2021 Perth Royal Show

ill, long-staying children, and as an Event Ambulance Officer and Rapid Ambulance Support Officer with St John Ambulance.

When it comes to cancer research, philanthropy can change lives in a variety of ways. Your support for a WARPINE Fellowship, dedicated to assisting with the management of clinical trials, increases our

capacity to run and participate in trials that we hope will lead to the discovery of cancer treatments, improving patient options and patient outcomes. Support for a WARPINE Fellowship also helps us attract, train, develop and retain the next generation of doctors and researchers in the field of pancreatic, rare and gastro-intestinal cancers.

"I am so fortunate for the opportunities I have received. These roles have allowed me to treat patients suffering from strokes, seizures, diabetic comas, broken or dislocated bones, drug overdoses, heart attacks, cardiac arrest, and much more. The highlight of my volunteer position, however, was delivering a baby at the Perth Royal Show in 2021. Shocked is a massive understatement! My volunteer positions have conditioned me to view the world differently and to appreciate every little aspect of my life. This I am incredibly grateful for."

Olivia Comito, WARPINE Researcher

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We urgently need your help to meet priority needs in a number of key WARPINE programs, including:



Clinical Trials

A safety and feasibility study of LSTA-1 in combination with immunotherapy molecules and chemotherapy for the first-line treatment of unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic gastro-oesophageal and gastric adenocarcinoma.



Translational Research

The development of a clinical pathway to contribute to the establishment of a national Biliary Cancer Registry.



WARPINE Fellowship Fund

Supporting future leaders to attract the best and brightest to the field of gastro-intestinal, and rare cancer research

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