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- In excess of \$264,000 committed to an Ovarian Health Study conducted in conjunction with the Monash University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, PHIMR and the Jean Hailes Foundation from May 2004 for three years.
- In early 2006 the OCRF invested in a proteomics study with the aim of identifying early detection markers for ovarian cancer.
- In 2005 the OCRF conducted a collaborative study with Biosceptre International Inc. to examine the potential use of the non-functional P2X7 receptor as a diagnostic tool in ovarian cancer.
- OCRF Research Fellow Dr. Martin K. Oehler received the Keith Free Memorial Prize in 2005 for his scientific presentation on ovarian cancer at the annual meeting of the Australian Society of Gynaecological Oncologists
- OCRF Research Fellow Dr Jane McNeilage received the Keith Free Memorial Prize in 2003 for her presentation on ovarian cancer at the annual meeting of the Australian Society of Gynaecological Oncologists.
- The Gynaecological Oncology Unit at Monash Medical Centre continues to participate in two clinical trials which target ovarian cancer by means of radioactive antibodies (radioimmunotherapy):
- The SMART (Study of Monoclonal Antibody Radioimmuno Therapy) Study evaluates the effect of those antibodies on the survival of ovarian cancer patients and
- The MIDAS (Mab Imaging and Dosimetry Assessment) Study examines how those antibodies are distributed in the abdominal cavity of ovarian cancer patients.



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