



# OASIS

Ovarian Cancer Alliance  
for Signal-Seeking Research

## “We want better than one size fits all.”



**Bridget Whelan**  
OASIS Advocate

*Ovarian cancer is a relentless and insidious disease. It leaves nothing in its wake.*

*The survival rates for ovarian cancer have changed so little in the last 30 years. The approach we've always had to treatments - that one size fits all - just isn't working. Thirty years and 33,000 women who've died have shown us that.*

*But there is a glimmer of hope. We now know that ovarian cancer is really several different diseases. If we can secure the funding, new trials for these individual diseases can establish specific and better treatment paths for us. In the meantime, we're waiting. Waiting for an answer; waiting for something new, something better than one size fits all.*

*And hoping, finally, that well-trodden path we're taking will make a U-turn.*



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Each year 1400 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer – four out of five of these women will die within five years.

The last five years has seen a revolution in our understanding of the biology of ovarian cancers, offering real hope that progress can be made at last. We now understand why a one-size-fits-all approach must and can change.

**The Ovarian Cancer Alliance for Signal-Seeking clinical trials or OASIS** is a series of innovative, targeted clinical trials that link molecularly-defined subsets of ovarian cancer patients to newly developed cancer drugs.

The objective of OASIS is to be a catalyst for new treatments for ovarian cancer and to stimulate input of new ideas from researchers. A series of small, cost effective and SMART clinical trials are underway supported by donations, bequests and a philanthropic grant.

Bridget Whelan was part of the OASIS group, bringing a woman with ovarian cancer perspective to the discussions and decisions about research and the best next steps. She strongly believed in OASIS and the hope that it would help to effect change in treatments for women like herself.

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OASIS Project leaders are all ANZGOG members and represent leading research institutions and hospitals in Australia. They include Prof David Bowtell, Prof Michael Friedlander AM, Prof Anna DeFazio, A/Prof Clare Scott and A/Prof Alison Brand, ANZGOG Chair.

OASIS combines the capabilities of:

- the Australian Ovarian Cancer Study
- the Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group
- Ovarian Cancer Australia, the leading laboratory, clinical and consumer ovarian cancer groups nationally.

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