

## Investing in Saving Lives

Your gift could support patients in your area. Whatever your gift, whether large or small, it will make a real difference and assist our vital mission to take on the fight against oesophageal and gastric cancers for present and future generations.



## Your Bequest

By making a Will you can ensure that your estate is distributed according to your wishes. You can provide for your family members for the future; make bequests to friends and you can make gifts in your Will to the charities you wish to support.

Inheritance Tax is payable by your estate if its value exceeds the current inheritance tax threshold. However, you can make a substantial bequest to charity and reduce the tax liability on your estate before the tax assessment is made. Your tax advisor will be able to explain and advise you on this.

When you make a Will you can leave several different types of bequests. You can leave a sum of money, the whole or part of the residue of your estate or stocks and shares.

You can help The Oesophageal Patients Association by making:

- **A Residual bequest. Part or the whole of the residue of your estate after all other legacies, expenses, debts and taxes have been paid**
- **A Pecuniary bequest, which is the legacy of a specific sum of money**

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If you decide to support The Oesophageal Patients Association you should use the following wording in your Will:

For a Residual Bequest:

'I bequeath to The Oesophageal Patients Association (Registered Charity no.1062461) of 50 High Street, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, B95 5AN (.....define portion) of the residue of my estate and I direct that the receipt of the Chairman of the Charity for the time being or other authorised officer will be sufficient discharge for my executors'

## For Pecuniary Bequest \*

If you decide to leave a specific amount to The Oesophageal Patients Association and wish to ensure that inflation does not erode your intention when the Will is made, the following form of words could be used:

'I bequeath to The Oesophageal Patients Association (Registered Charity No. 1062461) the sum of £\_\_\_, inflation linked to the Retail Price Index from the date of this Will. I direct that the receipt of the Chairman of the Charity for the time being or other authorised officer will be sufficient discharge for my executors.'

It is also possible to leave a 'Reversionary Bequest' to charity through leaving all or a proportion of your estate in the care of trustees. Beneficiaries enjoy the income during their lifetimes and all or part of the capital growth could be left to The OPA after their deaths.

\*N.B We strongly advise you to seek advice from a solicitor to ensure that you make a legally correct Will. A Will is a legal document.

If you have already made a Will, you can add to it or alter it at any time by adding a codicil.



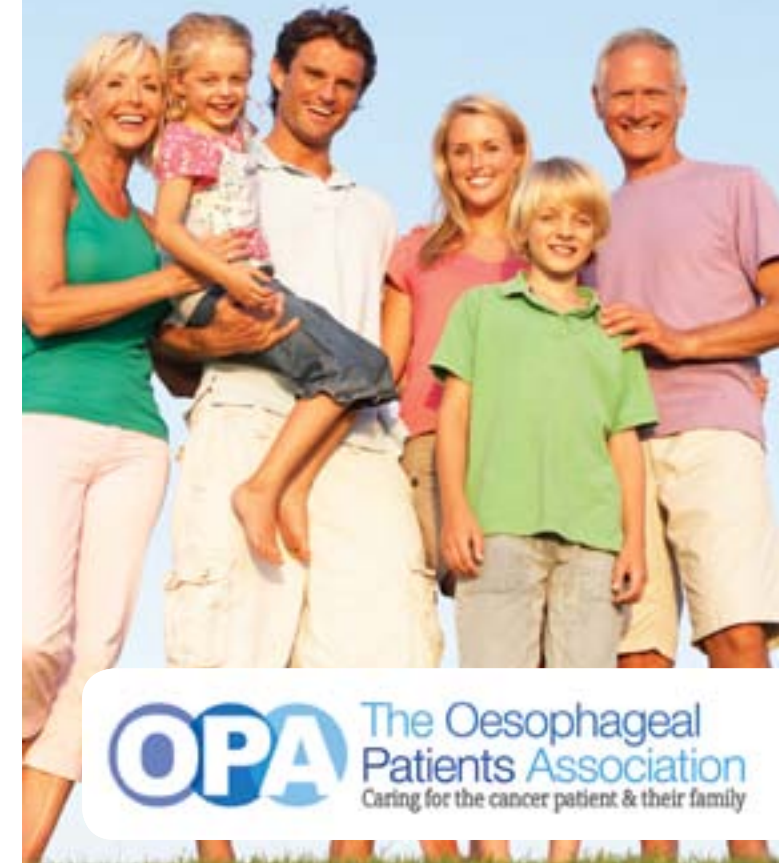
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## Fight Oesophageal and Gastric Cancers

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# How Your Legacy Could Make a Difference



A message from our Patron - Fiona Wade:

“ Your legacy will help to save the lives of future generations. Please consider making a gift in your Will to The OPA and help us to continue our fight against oesophageal and gastric cancers.

I lost my Father to oesophageal cancer. He was such an amazing person, the best father I could ever wish for and it was so sad and shocking when he was diagnosed. I had never heard of his type of cancer before and I always feel to this day that if we had been more aware of oesophageal cancer or reflux disease then, for sure, earlier diagnosis would have made a huge difference and maybe saved his life.

Early diagnosis by spreading awareness is absolutely key in saving lives from this cancer. So please help us carry on doing all we can to make people more aware and help us to save lives and to support every single patient who needs our help.

Thank you.”



## Your Legacy

You can support The OPA by making a gift in your Will; one of the most effective ways to help ensure that our fight against oesophageal and gastric cancers continues our mission to save the lives of future generations.

The OPA has supported thousands of patients since it started over thirty years ago. By remembering The Oesophageal Patients Association (OPA) in your Will you can help us continue and to save the lives of future generations of family and friends. Your legacy will help to fight oesophageal and gastric cancers and support patients, families and carers to cope with this devastating disease.

The OPA supports people with life threatening cancers and works to save lives through our national campaign to create public awareness and early diagnosis. However, people of all ages should be made aware regular heartburn or indigestion could be early symptoms of oesophageal or gastric cancers which can be dealt with through a straight forward procedure long before developing into cancer.

## How your Gift will Help

Your gift will help the OPA to promote early diagnosis and will assist patients who are facing or recovering from an operation for one of the most unpleasant, lifechanging and rapidly increasing cancers.

Early symptoms may only show as heartburn or indigestion, often resulting in late referral and diagnosis. Treatment by surgery is extremely complex with long operations that often involve restructuring the digestive organs in the chest, which is a traumatic procedure.

Your gift helps us to continue to give medically informed support to patients, families and carers through:

- Our national telephone helpline
- Online information and support
- Medically approved high quality information booklets
- UK wide network of patient support groups

Your gift will help us to continue to work with the NHS to improve cancer treatment and outcomes and to continue our network of patient support groups across the UK.

## Making your Gift

The Oesophageal Patients Association is an independent registered charity. We receive no government support and depend entirely on public support.

The Chairman and Trustees of The OPA will ensure that legacies are used to the greatest advantage and your gift will not be used for administration costs.

If you would like further information, please complete your details below and return to this address:

**The OPA, 50 High Street, Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, B95 5AN**

- I am considering leaving a legacy to The Oesophageal Patients Association - please send me more information about your work
- I have made a gift in my Will to The Oesophageal Patients Association - please keep me informed about news and events

Your support for the OPA is greatly appreciated and we would like to be able to keep you informed. Please fill out the section below and return it to us, to enable us to contact you with news and details of events. You can be assured that we will not pass on your details to any other organisation.

**Name:**.....

**Address:**.....

.....**Postcode:**.....

**Email address:**.....

**Telephone:**.....

Or download this form from our website: [www.opa.org.uk](http://www.opa.org.uk) and return to us by email: [charity@opa.org.uk](mailto:charity@opa.org.uk)

This form puts you under no obligation to The Oesophageal Patients Association - it simply enables us to thank you and plan for the future of The OPA.

\*Please tick this box if you **do not** want to receive any further mailing from The Oesophageal Patients Association