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## Research Laboratory

*The Helen Rollason Research Laboratory was opened in April 2003. It is located within and managed in collaboration with Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford, Essex.*

Pioneering work at the laboratory continues to gather pace. We currently have scientists undertaking research into cancers, using freshly collected tumour specimens and blood samples from cancer patients.



The work of the scientists would not be possible without the help from many local professionals based at hospitals in the vicinity including Broomfield Hospital and the Breast Unit at the Chelmsford and Essex Centre. The researchers also work in close collaboration with fellow scientists nationally and internationally.

Our aim is to gain a greater understanding of cancer from these research projects, potentially resulting in better treatment options for patients, better prognosis and higher survival rates.

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## Helen Rollason MBE

Helen Rollason MBE was the first female television sport presenter, a broadcaster and a fundraiser. She was diagnosed with cancer of the colon and later of the liver and lungs. She fought an inspirational battle with her illness, much of it in the public eye, but died in August 1999.

Helen gave her name and image to help attract national and international support. The Helen Rollason Cancer Charity was established by her oncologist, Professor Neville Davidson (chairman of the charity).



*"Helen would be so proud of what the charity has achieved in her name."  
Lord Coe KBE, Patron*

"The Helen Rollason Research Laboratory has superb equipment for us to conduct cancer research. Our scientists, who work in collaboration with many other world-class research centres across the UK and Europe, are currently researching the mechanisms allowing breast tumours to spread, possible markers for diagnosis and prognosis of the disease, and whether we can predict responses to chemotherapy."

*Professor Paul Sauven, Director of the Helen Rollason Research Laboratory*

"To have scientists undertaking world-class cancer research on this campus is a real coup for the university. We are delighted to be part of this research programme and look forward to building on our relationship with the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity in the future."

*Professor David Humber, Pro Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Care, Anglia Ruskin University*