

NEWS RELEASE

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TOP USA AWARD FOR WELSH SCIENTISTS

A TEAM of three young cancer research scientists from Cardiff have been awarded a prestigious accolade by a top American cancer organisation.

Dr Jo Lewis-Russell, Azad Howizy and Dr Lin Ye, are all Cancer Research Wales funded scientists at the Cardiff University School of Medicine, and have been awarded the Investigators Merit Award by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. (ASCO)

The team will be picking up their award in San Francisco this Saturday, (FEB 25), in recognition of their research into prostate cancer, and will also present their research findings to ASCO.

The three scientists, who are all in their early thirties, have been carrying out research into how prostate cancer spreads to the bones - a process known as bone metastasis.

Prostate cancer is the most common form of male cancer in Wales, affecting one in every 14 men in their lifetime.

Death from prostate cancer almost always occurs when the cancer spreads to the bones, meaning the Cancer Research Wales funded research is vital in finding new ways of treatment and prevention of this particular cancer.

Professor Wen Jiang, who helped in the development of the research, said: "This is extremely exciting news, and shows that Welsh scientists are at the very forefront of research into this area, which could not be done without vital funding from Cancer Research Wales."

"It comes at a particularly sad time for us after the recent death of Dr Gaynor Davies, who was also involved in this research area. We are extremely proud of the recognition this award will bring to Welsh cancer research."

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Notes for editors

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966
- The charity's headquarters is at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money funds scientists and their pioneering cancer research projects around Wales
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer research library in Wales
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone