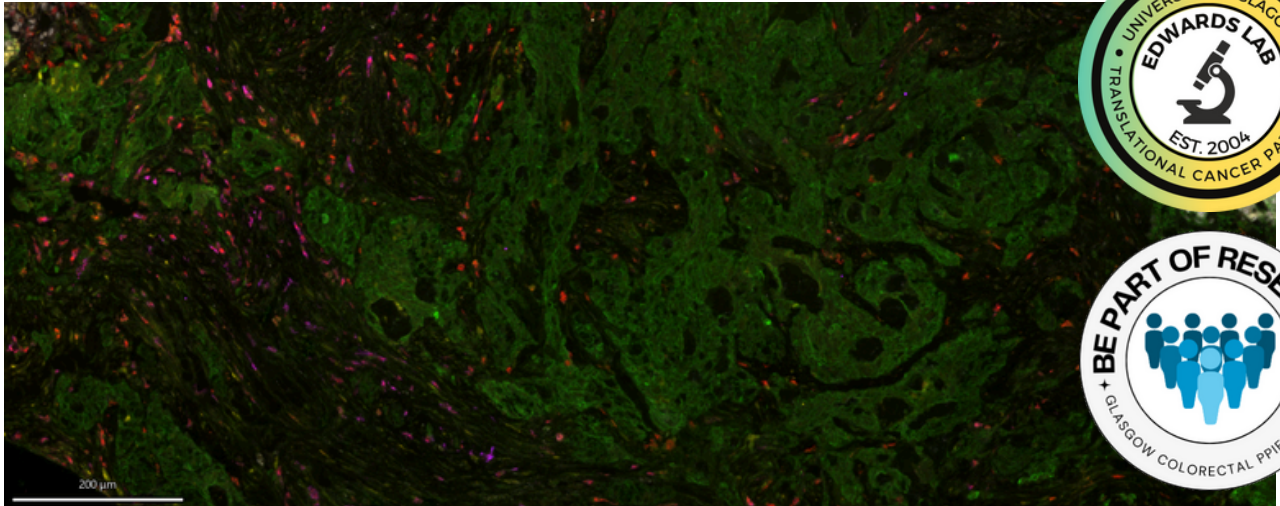


Translational Cancer Pathology Group Newsletter



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Some Christmas coloured staining to show tumour (green) and immune cells (red, purple and orange) in patient bowel cancer tissue – this helps us investigate the role immune cells are playing in bowel cancer. (Image credit: Molly McKenzie, final year PhD researcher)

Welcome to our third newsletter, where we'll keep you updated on our research.

Our research is dedicated to making lives better for people living with bowel cancer, both in the short-term and long-term.

Enjoy our newsletter!

The Edwards Lab

Our recent highlights:

- **Norman welcomed baby Rosie.**
- **Jean celebrated her retirement** in September after countless years at the University.
- **Nam passed her PhD viva** in October and returned home to Thailand to set up her own research group.
- **Sara passed her PhD viva** in December.





Public Engagement

Emma helped deliver a workshop teaching researchers how to do public engagement.

We delivered **Mighty Microbes**, an activity about gut health at **Explorathon Science Festival** and **Glasgow Science Centre "Meet the Expert"**.

Molly (pictured) and **Emma** delivered **Immune Squad**, an activity about the immune system at **three local primary schools**. This was part of the **STEM Seedlings** programme which promotes female scientists visiting primary schools across Scotland.



Team Updates

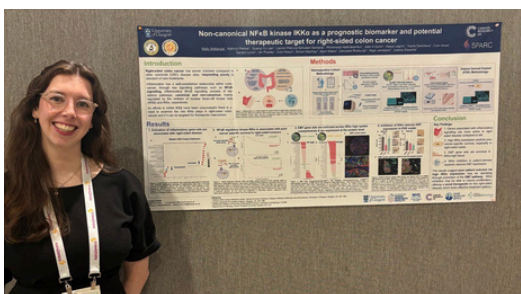
Our lab manager Jean retired in September. We are all so grateful for her support over the years.

Shakeera started her Master's by Research project.

Sam and **Sandy** joined the team as Clinical Research Fellows.

Aidan returned to the team as a Technician.

Norman returned from the USA as a Senior Clinical Research Fellow.



Conferences

C, Molly, Anh and Guang-Yu presented posters and **Joanne** gave a talk at the **European Society for Spatial Biology** conference in **Heidelberg** in October. Molly's abstract was rated in **the top 100**.

Joanne and **Emma** were panellists at the **Living Laboratory Healthcare Innovation Symposium** in Glasgow in November.

Molly (pictured) and **C** presented posters at the **4th Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Conference** in **Washington** in November. C's poster was rated in **the top 150**.



Funding & Awards

Steve received an **Early Postdoctoral Fellowship** from the **Chief Scientist Office** and the **Lord Kelvin/Adam Smith Leadership Fellowship** from the University. Steve's research aims to prevent bowel cancer by studying polyps and the immune system.

Steve was awarded the prestigious **Scottish Cancer Foundation Prize & Evans/Forrest Medal** (pictured) for his contribution to Cancer Prevention in Scotland.



We would like to thank our funders, past and present, who make our research possible.

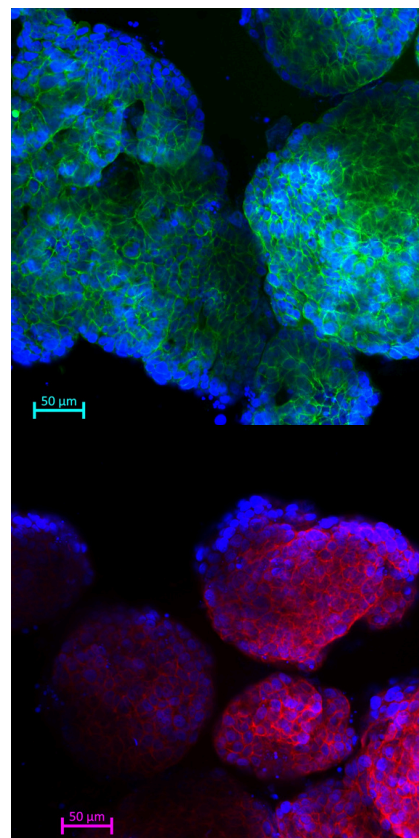
Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to our amazing collaborators and funding partners - your support is so important to our work, and we look forward to continuing these partnerships in 2025!

A special thank you to the Glasgow Colorectal PPIE Group for their ongoing support and really useful feedback on multiple projects. We couldn't do it without you.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the patients who generously donate tissue for our research.

Thank you for reading!



These images are of organoids, tiny 3D "mini organs" grown in the lab from bowel cancer tissue taken from a patient. You can see lots of individual cells. The different colours help us to look at the structures. (Image credit: Dr Kathryn Pennel, Postdoctoral Fellow)

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