



In memory of
**PATRICIA
MORRIS
JONES**

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Dr. Patricia Morris Jones was a pioneering paediatric oncologist whose ground-breaking work transformed childhood cancer treatment. Through her innovative research and compassionate care, she profoundly impacted countless children and families. She witnessed childhood cancer evolve from a fatal diagnosis to a condition with increasing survival rates and real chances for a cure.

**"Childhood
Cancer: Cure
at What Cost?"**

Career and Accomplishments

Born in 1933 in Oswestry, United Kingdom (UK), Dr. Morris Jones was among the first doctors in the UK to specialize in paediatric oncology. She earned a biology degree before completing medical school at the Royal Free Medical School in London in 1953. She trained in paediatrics at Manchester Children's Hospital, where she was deeply moved by the struggles of young cancer patients, inspiring her to focus on paediatric oncology.

After completing her residency, she pursued a fellowship in paediatric oncology, training under esteemed experts like Basil Marsden, a paediatric pathologist, and Dr. Dorothy Pearson, a radiotherapist and SIOF co-founder. She gained rapid recognition for her expertise in treating leukaemia and neuroblastoma.

Dr. Morris Jones was instrumental in developing chemotherapy protocols that minimized risks and improved survival rates for young patients. She pioneered targeted therapies to reduce harmful side effects and led clinical trials in immunotherapy, providing hope for children with resistant cancers. Her leadership also established one of the UK's largest paediatric oncology units.

Beyond research, she championed early cancer detection and family-centred care, emphasising psychological support for children and their families. Her efforts laid the foundation for modern paediatric cancer treatment in the UK, influencing specialised care protocols and advocating for dedicated paediatric oncology units.

Legacy and Impact

Dr. Morris Jones' contributions extended beyond hospitals and laboratories. A dedicated educator, she mentored countless medical students and paediatric oncologists. Her influential 1990 paper, "*Childhood Cancer: Cure at What Cost?*", shaped discussions on balancing treatment effectiveness with quality of life. She played a crucial role in studying the late effects of radiotherapy on young children, leading to the formation of the Late Effects Study Group.

In 1977, she co-founded the UK Children's Cancer Study Group and later served as President of SIOF (1980–81), strengthening international collaboration on childhood cancer. Throughout her 40-year career, she remained deeply committed to her patients, working closely with social workers and psychologists to provide holistic care. At her 1993 retirement party, she amazed attendees by recalling the names of her former patients.

Honoured with numerous national and international awards, Dr. Morris Jones also influenced paediatric oncology policies and served as a role model for women in medicine. Despite a

demanding career, she dedicated time to humanitarian efforts, expanding paediatric cancer treatment in underserved communities.

Dr. Patricia Morris Jones passed away on March 16, 2020, at 87, leaving an enduring legacy in paediatric oncology. Her life's work ensures that children diagnosed with cancer continue to receive the best care and hope for a brighter future.