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Together we can change the health of future generations

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Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to support medical research conducted at The Westmead Institute for Medical Research (WIMR).

– Professor Philip O’Connell

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YOUR LEGACY WILL LIVE ON THROUGH OUR LIFE-CHANGING RESEARCH

Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to make a real and significant impact, enabling researchers at WIMR to find better preventions, treatments and cures for some of the most serious diseases affecting Australians and people throughout the world.

The impact that medical research has on human health is extraordinary, identifying better ways to prevent, diagnose, treat and cure serious illnesses.

Yet, research is time-consuming and expensive. WIMR relies on philanthropic support, including gifts in Wills from people like you, to deliver its innovative research.

We invite you to become a Discovery Partner by pledging support for ground-breaking medical research with global impact through a gift in your Will. Your proud legacy and vision for a healthier future will live on through our work.

At WIMR, our promise to you is that we will honour your legacy by investing in the best and brightest research talent. We will ensure that our work remains visionary and ground-breaking and will improve health outcomes for people throughout Australia and the world.

Again, we sincerely thank you for considering making a gift in your Will to WIMR.

Professor Philip O’Connell
Executive Director
WIMR

YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE HEALTH OF FUTURE GENERATIONS



We know that the good health and well-being of your loved ones and friends is of vital importance to you.

Poor health has the potential to change our life course, creating pain, sadness, loss and grief, not just for ourselves, but for the people close to us. Research is our best hope for creating a future with better health outcomes for family, friends and people throughout the world.

Here at WIMR, our researchers are world leaders, investigating some of the most serious illnesses affecting our community. Healthcare is being revolutionised by the development of personalised medicine and

treatments tailored to an individual's unique genetic profile to bring about better health outcomes. WIMR's researchers are at the forefront of these developments. We are committed to making a difference, so we are making substantial investments both in our people and facilities.

WIMR's vision is to turn medical research into discoveries that save lives and deliver hope.

Your gift will support the inspiring work being undertaken at WIMR well beyond your lifetime. Thank you for joining us to make a real difference to the health of future generations.

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At The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, we don't just research one disease. Our dedicated and talented team of scientists are tackling some of the most serious diseases affecting Australians and people throughout the world. With your help, we are developing the preventions, treatments and cures of tomorrow.
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WE ARE WIMR



Many of our researchers are also practising clinicians, engaging with patients daily

WIMR's research is informed by the serious health issues that our researchers/clinicians see every day in their care of patients. It means that, not only is the research addressing real and current health needs, the results of WIMR's research can also be more rapidly applied to improve patient outcomes.

We call this approach 'bedside to bench to bedside'. In this way, WIMR's research discoveries are translated into better medical care for patients, transforming the future of health in our local communities and worldwide.



WIMR's world-leading researchers are its greatest strength

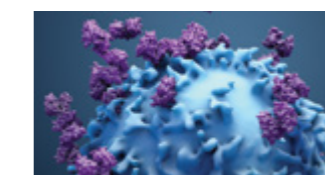
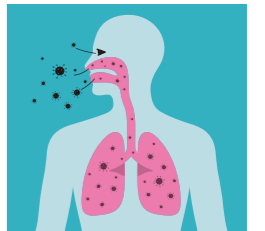
WIMR's researchers are passionate, collaborative, dedicated and brilliant. They have a personal connection to their research and to the people they strive to help. Scientists at WIMR are driven and thrive on solving the most serious disease challenges of our time.

We don't just research one disease

At WIMR, we tackle many different diseases, with multi-disciplinary teams working together to solve complex problems. The benefit of having a diverse range of research themes and projects in progress means that our researchers can identify and investigate the possible connection between different diseases and work together to improve and develop treatments and discover potential cures.

INFECTION & IMMUNITY

COVID-19, HIV, herpes viruses, influenza, life-threatening fungal infections, antibiotic resistance, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, type 1 diabetes, kidney diseases



CANCER

Melanoma, blood cancers including leukaemia, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer

NEUROSCIENCE & VISION

Mental illnesses, eye diseases, traumatic stress, neuro-developmental disorders



LIVER & METABOLIC

Hepatitis B and C, liver inflammation, cirrhosis, fibrosis, type 2 diabetes, obesity, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease



CARDIO-RESPIRATORY

Irregular heart rhythm, heart disease, heart attack, sleep disorders, cystic fibrosis

OUR RESEARCH LEADERS



Associate Professor Mayuresh Korgaonkar – Co-Director of WIMR’s Brain Dynamics Centre.

Many people like to leave a gift in their Will to WIMR, knowing that they are partnering with an internationally recognised centre of excellence in medical research, and making a real difference to the health and well-being of the community here in Australia and around the world.

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Mental health is an issue that is quite personal to me. I grew up watching a close family member live with a mental disorder. Its personal impact was huge, as was its impact on our whole family.

What I still can’t fathom is the stigma related to this and the lack of acceptance in society. Knowing that mental health research can make a difference to so many lives gives me hope and inspires my work every day.

– Associate Professor Mayuresh Korgaonkar

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EVERY GIFT, LARGE OR SMALL, HELPS SAVE LIVES

Leaving a gift in your Will is a great way to support ground-breaking medical research into the future, while still maintaining the funds you need to support you in your lifetime.

You don’t have to be wealthy to support our work through a gift in your Will. Even if you think you may not leave a large estate, every gift, large or small, helps in funding research discoveries.

“My research aims to determine the ovarian cancer characteristics that will help

to predict response to treatment. These characteristics may also be useful in matching patients with the right clinical trial for their particular type of ovarian cancer, to test promising new treatments that are being developed. My ultimate hope is to be able to improve outcomes for all women with ovarian cancer.”

Your gift will make a real difference to the work of researchers like Professor Anna deFazio and the patients whose lives are saved by their discoveries.

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My research is focused on ovarian cancer. It has been notoriously difficult to find a treatment that works well in every woman. It seems that to make progress in this disease, we will need to tailor treatment to each patient.

– Professor Anna deFazio

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Professor Anna deFazio - Head of WIMR’s Gynaecological Oncology Research Laboratory and Director of WIMR’s Centre for Cancer Research.

YOUR GIFT WILL HELP PEOPLE LIKE NIKOLA



Fiona Stamenkovic and son Nikola Barac.

Nikola Barac lived with a rare genetic immunodeficiency disorder, Hyper IgM Syndrome, which left him defenceless against life-threatening infections.

When he was four years old, an ultrasound picked up the parasite, cryptosporidium, in his liver.

Nikola's mother, Fiona Stamenkovic, said it was devastating. "I knew what it meant. I thought his liver was going to fail and he would die," she said.

Nikola received two bone marrow transplants from

his younger brother, Novak, to fight the infection. It worked, but another virus, cytomegalovirus, flourished in its place and threatened to destroy his lungs and liver.

In a final effort, Nikola's doctors weaponised the very thing that had failed him in the first place: his immune system. He was given two rounds of T-cell immunotherapy,

developed here at WIMR, which supercharged his immune system to attack the deadly infection. This time he was given the all-clear. "It's incredible," Fiona Stamenkovic said.

Our supporters, people just like you, gain enormous satisfaction knowing that their generosity helps save lives. You can too.

MEET A RESEARCHER DEDICATED TO SAVING LIVES

Mending a broken heart

Associate Professor James Chong and his team from WIMR's Centre for Heart Research are investigating the use of stem cells to grow new heart muscle to repair the damage done by heart attacks and infection.

This could prevent the devastating heart failure that often results from this damage and potentially, eliminate the need for a heart transplant.

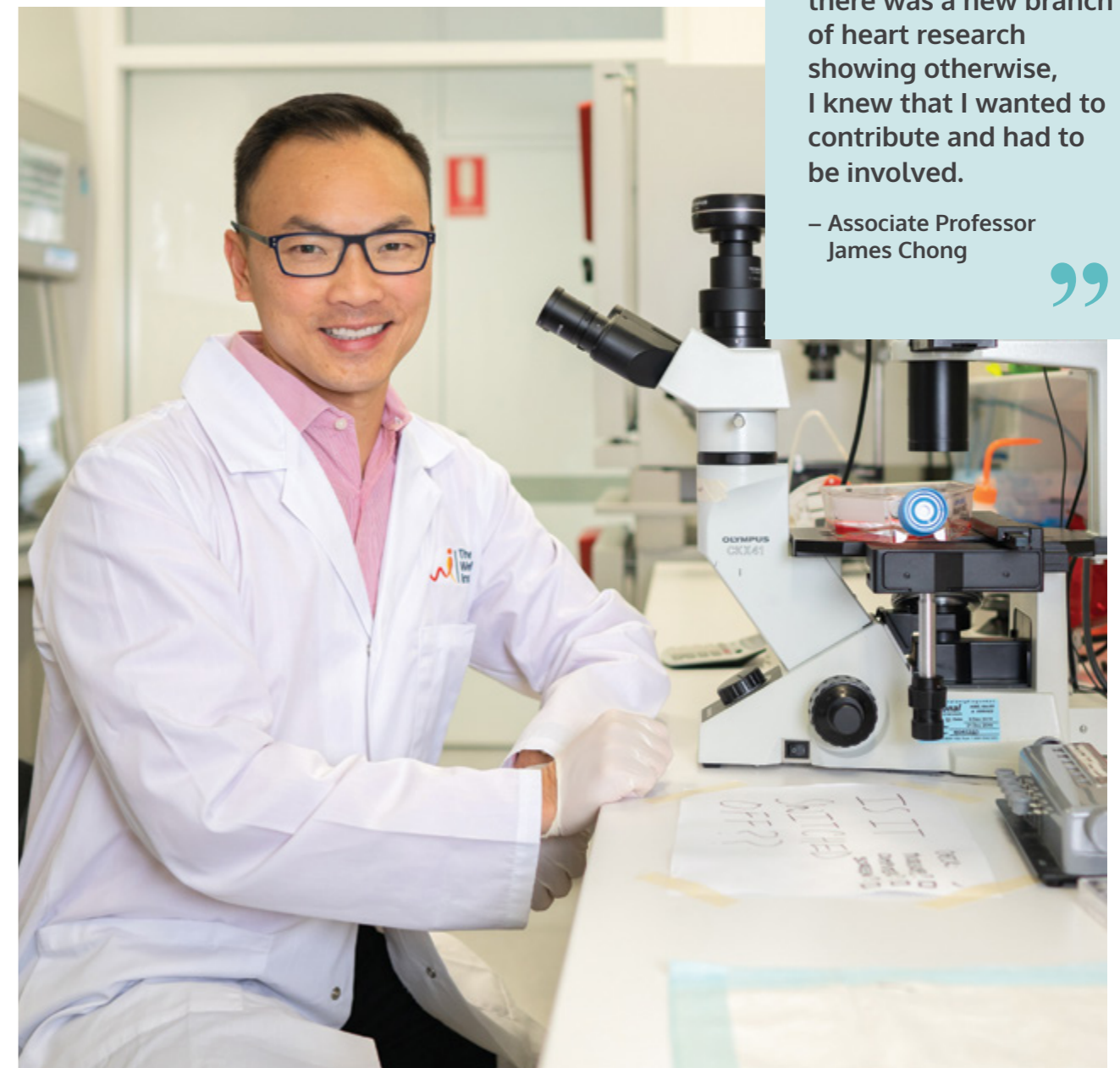
Thanks to gifts in Wills from people like you, we are tackling some of the most difficult health issues here in Australia and globally.

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I am captivated by the concept of heart regeneration. At medical school, I was taught that the heart couldn't repair itself. So, when I learned that there was a new branch of heart research showing otherwise, I knew that I wanted to contribute and had to be involved.

– Associate Professor James Chong

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Associate Professor James Chong – Co-Director of WIMR's Centre for Heart Research.

CAROL'S LEGACY

Gavin Pettigrew describes himself as an “unemployed carer”, a role forced upon him since the tragic passing of his beautiful wife, Carol, from ovarian cancer in 2007.

Carol was a remarkable, kind, gentle and gracious woman. She was generous with her time and her attention. Even in the midst of her illness, Gavin says that Carol was thinking of others.

“Throughout her whole journey she enjoyed a great rapport with all she met, and she was always thinking of what she could do for others, rather than what they could do for her.”

“Early in her treatment, Carol was asked if she would donate her tumour to medical research at Westmead. She more than

willingly agreed, realising that her contribution might assist in some way.”

Thanks to Gavin, Carol’s contribution toward improving outcomes for ovarian cancer continues. Gavin has also left a gift in his Will to ovarian cancer research being carried out at WIMR.

“I had the chance to meet Professor Anna deFazio from The Westmead Institute for Medical Research not long after Carol’s passing, and since then, I have learned a great deal about the really important work she and her team are conducting. Professor deFazio is an amazing researcher, and her efforts to find a way to deliver a more effective treatment for ovarian cancer based on the molecular make-up of an individual’s

tumour is remarkable. I’m happy to support it and her in any way that I can.”

To anyone who has sadly found themselves in a similar situation to Gavin, he says, “I strongly encourage you to consider leaving a gift in your Will. Every contribution helps, and it truly is an investment that will benefit the generations to come.”

Gavin hopes that Carol’s journey will contribute to finding a cure for her particular cancer, and that her story provides comfort and inspiration to others.

“What an outstanding legacy that would be.”

Vale Carol Ann Pettigrew
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I know the money donated to medical research helps, and I believe that by leaving a gift in my Will to The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, I am investing in a cure for ovarian cancer. That is why I am confident that I am making an excellent investment.

– Gavin Pettigrew



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DISCOVERY PARTNERS – JOIN THE CLUB



In choosing to leave a gift in your Will, you’ll be joining like-minded others who have decided to make a lasting impact to medical research as members of WIMR’s Discovery Partners Club.

As a Discovery Partner, we look forward to keeping you up-to-date with the progress of WIMR’s research.

You will also be extended invitations to attend special events to meet our inspiring researchers and to tour our labs, so that you can learn more about the impact your generous support has.

To find out more about our Discovery Partners Club, call Hilary May Black, WIMR’s Gifts in Wills Manager, for a confidential chat on 02 8627 3027.

BECOME A DISCOVERY PARTNER



Be connected to researchers investigating health issues of specific interest to you.



Join us for specially curated Meet the Researcher presentations and lab tours.



Join us at an Annual Celebration Luncheon with a special briefing from our CEO.



Enjoy our mid-year Discovery Partners “High Tea” with a celebrated guest speaker.



Meet others like you who want to make a lasting contribution to the well-being of our community and beyond.



Receive our quarterly *Discovery* magazine. If you choose, be included in the publication as an honoured benefactor.

We will, of course, always respect your wishes regarding your privacy and how you would prefer that we communicate with you.

CELEBRATE YOUR LIFE AND YOUR LOVED ONES

A gift in your Will is a wonderful way of honouring you and your family, past and present. We encourage you to discuss leaving a gift in your Will with your family.

By involving your family, you are letting them know that leaving a gift to support the vital medical research taking place at WIMR is important to you. You may also choose to dedicate your gift in memory of your loved ones.

Talk to us about ways to involve and inspire your family

We take pride in keeping in touch with the friends and families of our Discovery Partners and encourage them to visit WIMR to see how their loved one's thoughtful gift is being used and the research achievements being made as a result.

How to include WIMR in your Will

Leaving a gift in your Will is a big decision and an opportunity to ensure that the results of your lifetime of hard work are directed to the people and organisations most important to you. We suggest you discuss this with your family first.

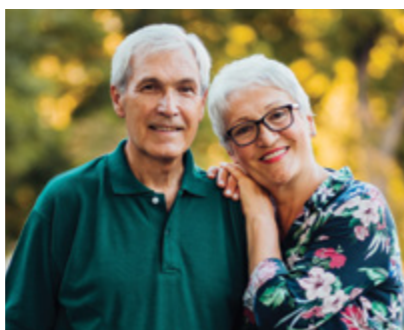
If you don't currently have a Will, a solicitor can help you to draft one or add a Codicil (an addition or modification) to your present Will to ensure that your wishes can be honoured.



If you do not have a solicitor, we can refer you to one of WIMR's honorary solicitors who can provide an initial consultation about making a gift in your Will to WIMR and other assistance, free of charge.

Confidence that your gift will be used wisely

We are grateful that you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to support WIMR's ground-breaking research. We look forward to honouring your wishes and using your gift wisely, with care and respect,



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so it will have the greatest possible impact in improving healthcare in our community and around the world.

We'd love to hear from you

If you have left a gift in your Will to WIMR, please do let us know so that we can thank you for your thoughtfulness and invite you to become a member of WIMR's Discovery Partners Club.

This doesn't affect your right to alter or update your Will if your circumstances or wishes change. It simply helps us to be aware of your support and organise for it to be directed to an area of research that is most important, or of interest to you. This helps us to plan our research into the future and to ensure that your wishes are honoured.

HOW TO INCLUDE A GIFT TO WIMR IN YOUR WILL

You can make a gift to WIMR in a number of ways, including:

A residual gift

This gift may be the whole or part of your residuary estate. Your residuary estate is what is left over after all liabilities and expenses associated with the estate have been paid, and any other gifts (specific or general) have been satisfied.

A pecuniary gift

This is a gift of a fixed sum of money, or a percentage of your overall estate, that you specify you would like to be given to WIMR. It is important to review this type of gift regularly, particularly in the event of a change in your circumstances.

A specific gift

This type of gift enables you to leave a particular asset such as real estate, shares, artwork, jewellery, or collections to WIMR. It is recommended that you review this type of gift regularly, as if you dispose of the specific item, the gift will fail.

Contingency gift

This type of gift is fulfilled only after certain conditions are met. This gift may be appropriate in circumstances where you want to leave a gift to WIMR but you first want to ensure that your friends or family are provided for during their life time; for example by way of giving them a right to live in your home, or by providing them with a

guaranteed income stream from your estate. This type of gift allows you to look after your loved ones, and to benefit WIMR in the future, usually after the death of the relevant beneficiary.

A substitute gift

You may name WIMR as a substitute beneficiary in the event any of the other gifts to your named beneficiaries fail.

We always recommend you discuss what may be the best option for you with your solicitor and financial advisor before deciding on the best way to support WIMR in your Will.

Suggested wording for your Will

Your solicitor will help you with the wording of your Will. The wording below is an example that might help you specify your gift:

"I give to The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation (ABN 90 141 847 634) ('WIMR Foundation') of 176 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145

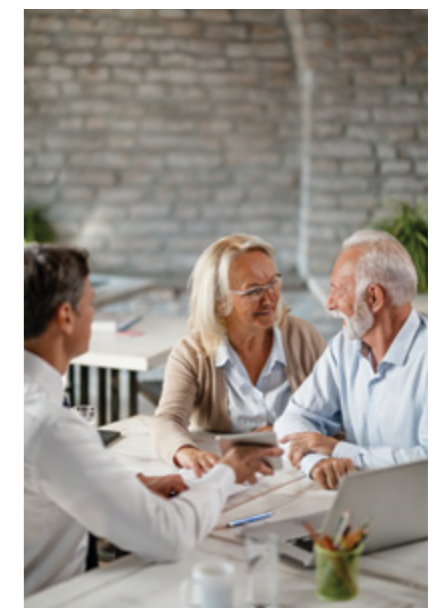
(Insert whichever is appropriate)

- The whole of my estate; OR
- A percentage [_____] % of the rest and residue of my estate; OR
- The sum of \$[_____]; OR

- My property known as [address], [Folio Identifier]; OR
- (If bequeathing specific assets) My [insert description of an asset, for example: shares in a company, art work, jewellery, etc]*

for the general purposes of research to be conducted by The Westmead Institute for Medical Research ('WIMR') OR for the purposes of [specify the research area of your choice] conducted at WIMR, and I declare that the receipt from an authorised representative of the WIMR Foundation to my executor shall be considered acknowledgement for the payment of such benefit."

*If bequeathing a specific asset, please be as descriptive as possible, to ensure the asset is easily and correctly identified.



INFORMATION FOR SOLICITORS, TRUSTEE COMPANIES AND EXECUTORS

The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation, established to raise funds to support medical research at WIMR.

Deductible Gift Recipient Status

The Westmead Institute for Medical Research (ABN 54 145 482 051) is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR). It is covered by Item 1, Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ss 30-15) and is fully tax exempt.

As the fundraising arm of WIMR, The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation (ABN 90 141 847 634) is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR). It is a public ancillary

fund covered by Item 2, Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (s 30-15) and is fully tax exempt.

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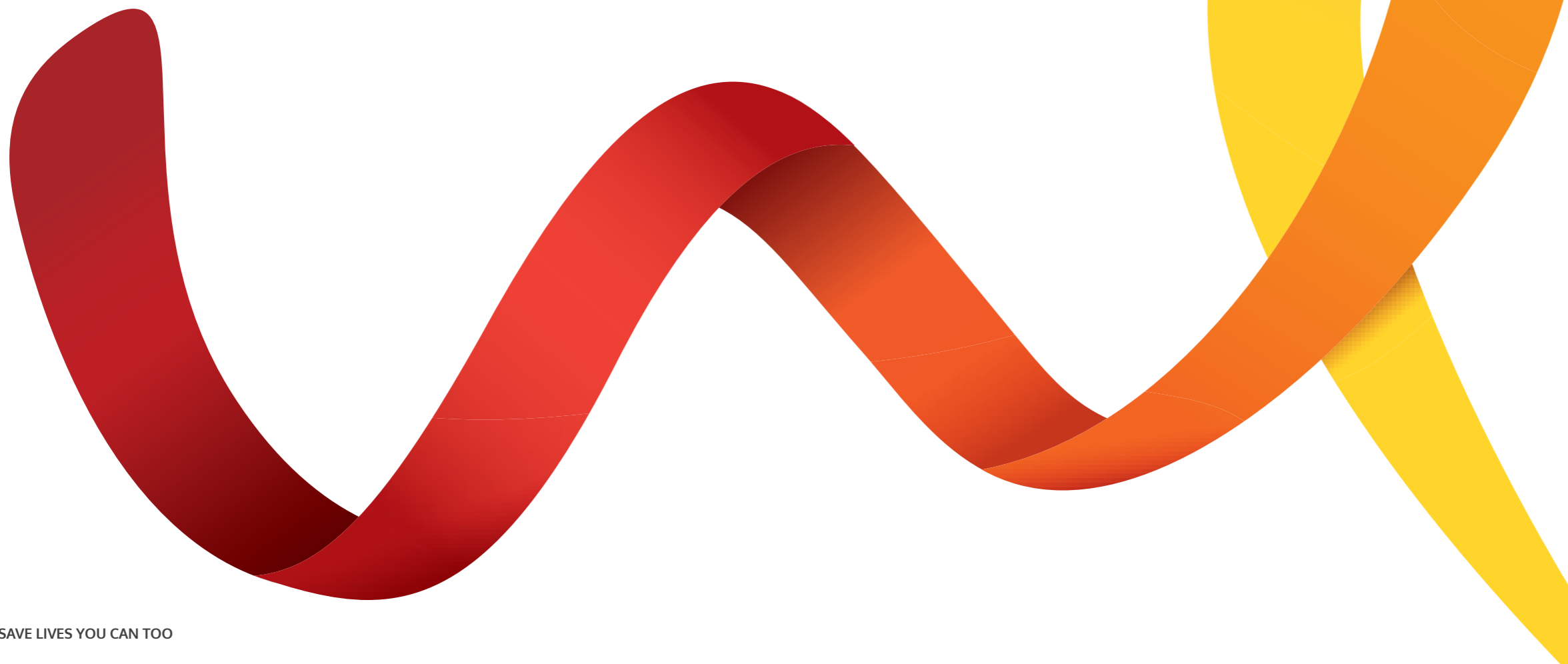
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Capital Gains Tax on estate assets

It can be highly tax effective for your client to gift a Capital Gains Tax asset such as real

estate or a share portfolio to The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation, which is fully tax exempt, rather than have the estate sell the asset and donate the cash. Please contact us if you wish to discuss this option for your client.

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If you have any questions please contact Hilary May Black, WIMR's Gifts in Wills Manager for a confidential discussion on 02 8627 3027 or email hilary.mayblack@sydney.edu.au





If you have any questions or you are interested in making a gift in your Will and joining the Discovery Partners Club, please contact Hilary May Black at The Westmead Institute for Medical Research Foundation for a confidential chat.

Wishing you good health and happiness.

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