



Royal College of
Obstetricians &
Gynaecologists



Dear [name],

Target Ovarian Cancer undergraduate essay prize

I am delighted to be writing to you with information on the inaugural Target Ovarian Cancer essay prize being delivered in partnership with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG).

More women die as a result of ovarian cancer each year in the UK than all other gynaecological cancers combined. At the moment, women with breast or uterine cancer are twice as likely to be diagnosed with early stage disease as women with ovarian cancer and early diagnosis is key if more women are to survive this disease. Ensuring the doctors of tomorrow are aware of the symptoms of ovarian cancer and how the disease presents is a vital step in ensuring more women are diagnosed sooner.

Essays are therefore invited on one of the following topics:

- Early detection of ovarian cancer. Is it possible?
- Screening for ovarian cancer. Are we there yet?
- Early diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Does it matter?

These titles are intended to encourage students to read more widely on ovarian cancer, to think about some of the current issues and learn about recent research.

The prize is open to all UK medical students. There will be a first prize of £500 and a second prize of £200. Essays are to be no longer than 2,000 words with up to ten references. The deadline for submission is Friday 30 June 2017 with all completed essays to be emailed to awards@rcog.org.uk. Essays will be marked by a judging panel comprising representatives from RCOG and Target Ovarian Cancer's GP Advisory Board. Winners will be announced in autumn 2017 with prizes to be awarded at an event jointly hosted by the two organisations.

I would be very grateful if you could promote the prize to your students. If you have any questions or for any further information please contact awards@rcog.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annwen Jones".

Annwen Jones
Chief Executive
Target Ovarian Cancer