

RAFT's battle against infection

We can win the fight with your help

RAFT's scientists are working hard to provide an effective artificial skin for patients just like this elderly lady here whose life has been turned upside down by overwhelming infection. There is a huge problem when the body has lost its skin, the fluid which bathes the internal tissues continuously oozes out and this occurs until the wound is healed.



Your support could help end this patient's suffering.

Fortunately, RAFT's dedicated team of scientists has been working on a practical solution. They have developed a skin replacement, known as

the 'Smart Matrix', which can be used on any individual. This is a skin scaffold that, when placed on the wound, could help the body to heal fast enough to beat infection by rebuilding from the inside. Speed is a critical factor and preventing infection is key. RAFT's goal is to make the 'Smart Matrix' not only effective but also practical and affordable for today's world.

RAFT's scientists now want to develop a practical barrier to keep infection out while the 'Smart Matrix' is helping the body rebuild from within.

The patients' need for an effective artificial skin is crucial and helps to remind the RAFT scientists why the development of the 'Smart Matrix' is so vitally important. The future of the research is very much dependent on funding and this is where you can help. The next year is critical to make the material safe and effective for use in patients and we are hoping to do a small patient study by the end of 2010.

A donation of just £5 from each of our donors would help to raise £60,000 to enable our scientists to develop the 'Smart Matrix' for use in patients.

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