



Rare Disease Day 2016.

Edinburgh, Scotland. 29th February 2016.

As the rarest day in the calendar, 29 February is the perfect date for Rare Disease Day, which aims to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about the impact of rare diseases on patients' lives.

There are over 6000 rare diseases and collectively they are thought to affect as many as 30 million people in Europe alone. A disease or disorder is defined as rare in Europe when it affects fewer than 1 in 2000 people. In the USA, the definition of a rare disease is one which affects fewer than 200,000 Americans at any given time.

The relative lack of scientific knowledge about rare diseases, and the fact that symptoms tend to differ not only from disease to disease but also from patient to patient, often result in delayed diagnosis. Furthermore, the range of treatments available can be very narrow, resulting in heavy social and financial burdens on patients.

Since the vast majority of rare diseases are genetic, the increased interest in them over the last decade or so has led to a better understanding of genetic diseases in general, and this benefits everybody.

The OncoBioPharm team would like to congratulate our colleagues working in this area and we invite you to join us in celebrating Rare Disease Day.

Find an event near you here: <http://www.rarediseaseday.org/events/world>

About OncoBioPharm

OncoBioPharm Ltd is a biotechnology company based in Scotland, developing therapeutic antibodies that target novel pathways associated with cancer cell growth and metastasis. These new targets provide OncoBioPharm with the potential to develop new powerful anti-cancer agents, with a focus on extending and improving the lives of people with cancer.