

# WHAT I SHOULD HAVE ASKED WHEN I STARTED MY CAREER IN CANCER DRUG DEVELOPMENT

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# what I wished I had known

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- it's uncomfortable most of the time
- for someone who actually dislikes conflict, it's surprising how much one can end up with quite readily – system change is highly unpopular
- you don't know what you don't know yet
- it will take you a decade
- one has much more space than one thinks one has

# what I wished I had known

- it's not complicated- it's complex
- there are a lot of convenient 'truths' that hardly ever are the truth
- careful observation is key: everyone has an opinion, few understand the underlying problem, hardly anyone sees long-range dependencies
- we are all part of the problem AND part of the solution




# what I wished I had known

- it's worth working on something one believes in, even when it's hard and unpopular
- in every stakeholder group, there are always some who truly care wherever one goes, people who are generous with their time and their knowledge and who want to get it right rather than being right.
- I'd end up with my FPTAWs- my favourite people to argue with ;)



**to conclude**



“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.” ~ Margaret Mead



# Thank you

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