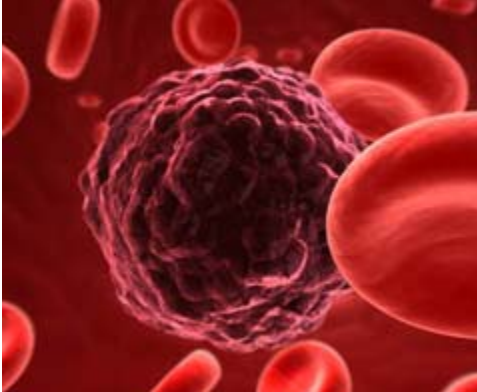


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Small Hungerford company shortlisted for national engineering award for cancer diagnostic probe

A HUNGERFORD company has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award in engineering for its Cancer Diagnostic Probe.

Triteq is a small engineering design company with only 30 employees but it has created what it hopes will replace the common 'smear test' with what it claims will be a more accurate way to detect cervical cancer.

Established in 1992 the company has to date won three design awards and was shortlisted in the same design awards - the Innovation in Engineering Awards (IEA) - last year. But despite its successes it remains privately owned by its original founders.

If Triteq is successful at next month's awards, it is hoped, the cervical probe will be more accurate and a more comfortable experience for women than the current procedure.

Cervical cancer, in particular, can be treated in its early stages and therefore early detection can be critical.

Spokeswoman for Triteq, Louise Fairley said the company was delighted with being shortlisted for the IEA's product design category.

The IEA promotes industrial innovation and engineering and recognises advancing technology in its field.

She said: "I am thrilled that Triteq has been chosen as one of the finalists for these very prestigious awards. This is a testament to the overall relationship with our customers and to the whole team's dedication and enthusiasm. We look forward to the awards presentation evening with anticipation."

Mrs Fairley added that it is a great achievement from a local company.

She said: "I think at the end of the day we have just got under 30 people here tucked away at the back end of Hungerford. A lot of people wouldn't even know that we're here. So it's a really good thing for the company to be shortlisted for this award."

The presentation of the awards sponsored by British Telecommunications PLC takes place on November, 13 at the Marriott hotel, Grosvenor Square in London.