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The [Medicines Evaluation Unit](#) (MEU) were pleased to welcome the former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson who says he was honoured to be at the hospital to mark the event.

Sir Alex Ferguson has opened a new state-of-the-art Bronchoscopy unit that will provide the MEU with guaranteed access to undertake clinical trial research and will also provide early diagnosis and treatment for lung patients at [Wythenshawe Hospital](#).

The former [Manchester United](#) manager lost both his parents to lung cancer and says he was honoured to be there to mark the event.

He unveiled the plaque at the new £1m Lucis Building that was funded by the MEU based in the North West Lung Centre at Wythenshawe Hospital.



Housing three fully-equipped procedure rooms, the Lucis Building is believed to be the largest centre of its kind in the country.

Professor Dave Singh, Medical Director, MEU said: “This new facility will allow a huge increase in the number of bronchoscopies that we undertake for research. We are interested in developing new medicines to treat lung diseases such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. We will now have unrivalled access to undertake bronchoscopies during clinical trials that evaluate the effects of novel drugs.”



Glasgow-born Sir Alex Ferguson, arguably Britain's most successful manager after winning 38 trophies in 26 years at Old Trafford, told of how he lost both parents to lung cancer.

Speaking at the launch, he said; "I was honoured to officially open this world-class unit which will significantly improve lung treatment and care for patients across the North West. It's fantastic to see facilities of this quality opening in Greater Manchester, which is a region that has a particular struggle with lung conditions. "As someone who has lost two parents to lung cancer, I'm only too aware of what a devastating and hard-to-treat disease this is, so it's very encouraging and inspiring to see the continual advancements being made in this area and the huge commitment and passion which clinicians bring to tackling this challenge."

Dr Phil Barber, the lung cancer lead at the University Hospital of South Manchester trust, added that the unit would make a huge difference to patients.

"It's a game-changer for the treatment of lung conditions in the region and we're delighted to be marking the official opening of the unit with this event."

