

Chloe Orkin

Clinician Scientist



Professor Chloe Orkin is a leading expert in HIV at Barts Health NHS Trust. She is interested in testing new therapies such as hepatitis C, SARS-CoV-2 and monkeypox.

Chloe has been a pioneer in her field and has already created an incredible legacy for herself. She's the principal investigator on more than 10 clinical trials - trials which have led to the licensing of 20 new drugs in HIV, hepatitis and COVID-19. She's the global lead author for eight new drugs, including the first-ever long-acting HIV treatment, making her a pioneer when it comes to HIV - a disease that kills roughly 1 million people per year, and desperately needs the attention of researchers like Chloe.

Chloe has been an openly gay woman in the workplace for about 24 years. She believes strongly in challenging

exclusion, acting as a lesbian role model for people in medicine. Seeing her as a visible lesbian gives other LGBTQ+ science professionals the hope that one day, things will be easier for them. While she doesn't want to be in the public eye purely because of this aspect of her identity, she champions her visibility, but hopes that someday, we won't need awareness days or role models, and that people can just be who they are without fear of judgement.

I chose Chloe not only because I'm inspired by her advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community and for women in science, but because I feel that often, the medical professionals who work 'behind the scenes' are excluded from the narrative. Whilst it's important that we praise the doctors and nurses who carry out the treatment, we should also be recognising those, like Chloe, who work tirelessly in research to come up with solutions for the problems in our world."