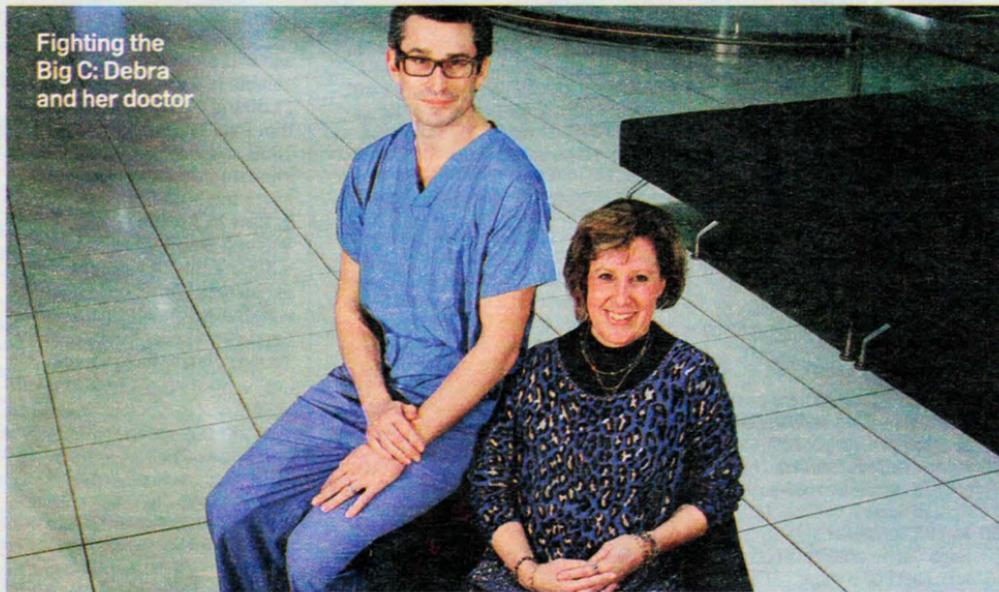


# Wednesday

## 15 October

Critics' choice

Fighting the  
Big C: Debra  
and her doctor



Pick of the day

**Curing Cancer** (C4, 10pm)

Two days before Channel 4's Stand Up to Cancer telethon, this documentary, by Brian Woods, complements it by showing leading doctors combining research with the treatment of patients. It follows the stories of four people at London's University College Hospital as they take part in trials of new drugs and procedures. Debra agrees to microwave ablation, in which

tumours are destroyed without surgery; an unlicensed drug is tried out on Dennis, an elderly "end-stage" lymphoma sufferer; and, with an ominous pattern of prostate cancer in his family, Jeffery is tested using a new diagnostic method; Pete, meanwhile, knows he has it, and says yes to cutting-edge "high-intensity ultrasound" treatment free of the side-effects of surgery.

Sensitively made, the film ends with the patients returning to the hospital to learn the results of their treatment or tests.

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