

ACTA 2025 CLINICAL TRIALS AND REGISTRIES SYMPOSIUM

Driving change

17-19 NOVEMBER 2025

CROWN PROMENADE, MELBOURNE



Monday 17 November 2025

7.30am-8.30am	Registration			
8.30am-10.30am	Plenary 1 – Driving Change at a National Level Chair – Prof Chris Reid Room - Conference Hall			
8.30am-8.50am	Welcome		Prof Chris Reid Welcome to Country - Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	
8.50am-9.00am	Opening address		Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Health	
9.00am- 9.30am	National One Stop Shop New Health and Medical Research Strategy for Australia		Duncan Young	
9.30am10.00am	ICH E6 (R3) GCP Guidelines: Friend or foe to the trial community?		Dr Tanya Symons	
10.00am – 10.30am	Winner of Trial of The Year and Statistics in Trial Interest Group		Prof Brett Manly and Kate Francis	
10.30am-11.00am	Morning tea and poster session			
11.00am-12.30pm	Plenary 2 – Driving Change in Data and Artificial Intelligence in trials Chair – Prof Kate Lee Room - Conference Hall			
11.00am– 11.30am	Evaluating (AI) algorithms for use in healthcare		Prof Thomas Jaki	
11.30am -11.50am	Levelling-up clinical trials with Agile AI for real-world data		Prof Guy Tsafnat	
11.50am – 12.10pm	Research data infrastructure in the digital era		Jodie Austin	
12.10pm – 12.30pm	Health Studies Australia National Data Asset (HeSANDA)		Dr Adrian Burton	
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch and poster session			
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Concurrent session – 1A Driving Change in Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Chair – Dr Shyamsundar Muthuramalingam Room - Conference Hall 1		Concurrent Session 1B – Driving Change in Recruitment Chair – Helen Monaghan Room - Conference Hall 2 & 3	
1.30pm-1.50pm	Topic TBC	Maria Mury	Join Us Initiative	Jessica Smith
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Topic TBC	A/Prof Christopher Williams	Enhancing Equitable Access to Clinical Trial Treatments for Individuals with Rare and Less Common Cancer: A Network-Based Recruitment Model Leveraging Statewide Collaboration and Partnership	Yali Liu
2.10pm-2.30pm	The measurement of ethnicity in clinical trials: A consensus statement	Prof Bianca Brijnath	The PARTNER Network: Proof of concept of a national model of research readiness for rural primary care clinical trials	Dr Suzie Harte
2.30pm-2.50pm	The ACTA/Australian Teletrial Program Project- leading the way by Raising Equity of Access to Clinical Trials	Prof Nik Zeps	Assessing the Reduction of Recurrent admissions using OM-85 for the treatment of preschool Wheeze (ARROW) trial	Dr Jessica Costa-Pinto
2.50pm- 3.00pm	General discussion		General discussion	
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon Tea and poster session			
3.30pm-5.00pm	Concurrent Session 2A Abstract presentations Chair – John Andrews Room - Conference Hall 1		Concurrent Session 2B Abstract presentations Chair – Ingrid Hickman Room - Conference Hall 2 & 3	

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3.30pm-3.45pm	The PARTNER Network: Uniting rural primary care for a national research infrastructure	Hannah Lushington	Proof it works: demonstrating the broader value of clinical trials through impact evaluation	Dr Shanthi Ramanathan
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Enhancing the clinical trials business capabilities across a paediatric network – driving change through implementing and streamlining systems, processes and people	Lani Attwood	Can cardiovascular endpoints in clinical trials be reliably captured by linkage to hospital datasets?	Prof Rory Wolfe
4.00pm-4.15pm	From fragmented systems to unified insight: NSLHD's Research Performance Metrics Dashboard	Dr Sara Farshidfar	Methodological considerations of planning a phase 3 trial based on a phase 2 trial: lessons from the AGITG INTEGRATE trials	Dr Yu Yang Soon
4.15pm-4.30pm	Establishing the Next-Generation Clinical Trials Centre in Western Australia: A Workforce and Ecosystem Enabler	Dr Jacquita Affandi	From Randomised to Routine: Driving Translation in Pregnancy Care	Dr Karen Best
4.30pm – 4.45pm	Building research today for sharing tomorrow: Driving Change in Health outcomes using Health Data Australia	Dr Amany Gouda-Vossos	Challenges in conducting a clinical trial within health services	A/Prof Natalie Strobel
4.45pm – 5.00pm	Calculating the return on research investment: using an Australia-wide dataset of patients with severe acute respiratory infection	Lane Carrandi	Health economic evaluations alongside adaptive platform trials: A systematic review.	Ms Karen Jing Lee
5.00pm-6.30pm	ACTA soiree			



Tuesday 18 November 2025

7.30am-8.30am	Registration				
8.30-10.30am	Plenary 3 - Driving Change in Clinical Trials Funding Chair - Room - Conference Hall				Registry Symposium Workshop 1: Advancing Learning Health Systems: The Role of Clinical Quality Registries and Linked Data Workshop 2: From The Ground Up: A Registry Workshop (Ten Steps. One Scenario. Endless Ideas. Let's Build!)
8.30am-8.500am	The role of NHMRC in driving change in Clinical Trials		Prof Steve Wesselingh		
8.50am-9.10am	Medical Research Fund (MRFF)		Duncan Young		
9.10am-9.30am	Clinical Trials Funding: Making Consumer Contributions Matter		Jennifer Muller		
9.30am – 9.50am	Getting the grant – thrilled or devastated?		Roberta Littleford		
9.50am-10.10am	Trial by Fire: What Happens When Funding Falls Short		Saraid Billiards		
10.10am-10.30am	Panel Q&A				
10.30am-11.00am	Morning tea and poster session				
11.00am-12.30pm	Concurrent Session 3A – Driving Change in innovation Chair Room - Conference Hall 1		Concurrent Session 3B – Driving Change in Translation Chair: Ingrid Hickman Room - Conference Hall 2 & 3		Registry Symposium Workshop 1 & 2 cont.
11.00am– 11.20am	From technological to system-level innovation in clinical trials	Prof Laurent Billot	Driving Interventions to Last – Determinants of sustainability and what sustainment strategies work	Rachel Sutherland	
11.20am -11.40am	TGA clinical trials initiatives	Tessa Sherry	Driving interventions to Scale – How to make bigger better?	Karen Lee	
11.40am – 12.00pm	The National clinical Trials Governance Framework (NCTGF) journey: milestones and horizons	Suchit Handa	Trialling Transformation: Implementing Precision Oncology for Sustainable Healthcare	Natalie Taylor	
12.00am-12.20pm	Trial Link: Supporting the use of linked data in clinical trials	Dr Felicity Flack	Getting what works into practice – Lessons in translation from the PREDICT Collaborative	Emma Tavender	
12.20pm – 12.30pm	General discussion		General discussion		
12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch and poster session				
1.30-3.00	Concurrent Session 4A – Abstract presentations Chair Room - Conference Hall 1		Concurrent Session 4B – Abstract presentations Chair Dr Nicola Straiton Room - Conference Hall 2 & 3		
1.30 pm – 1.45pm	Strengthening Care for Children (SC4C): Impact of an integrated paediatrician- general practitioner model on referrals to hospitals - a stepped wedge cluster	Prof Harriet Hiscock	Impactful and Innovative Workforce Development Across Regional Rural and Remote Sites	Sally Armstrong & Juliet Sagnol	Registries Symposium Workshop 3 - Fundamentals of Impact for Registries

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	randomised controlled trial.				Workshop 4: Beyond the Benchmark: Outlier Engagement Strategies
1.45pm – 2.00pm	Driving National Change Through Interdisciplinary Collaboration: SUPER-ED Trial Transforming Care for Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)	Natalie Richards	SWIFTly Driving Change In Participant and Centre Diversity and Inclusivity.	Prof Rachael Morton	
2.00pm - 2.15pm	Physical activity coaching and exercise for adults with walking limitations: a hybrid type 1 effectiveness-implementation randomised controlled trial	Prof Catherine Sherrington	Embedding Equity in Clinical Trials: DACRIN's Vision for an Inclusive, Decentralised Clinical Trial Network in AOD Care Across NSW	Michelle Hall	
2.15pm - 2.30pm	NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies, the Story So Far	Dr Wee-Ming Boon & Sarah Hazell	Gateway or Gatekeeper? Teletrials, NCTGF and Regional & Rural Victoria	Skye Nolan, Heidi Hassan, Ashleigh Clarke & Leah Damman	
2.30pm – 2.45pm	The MACRO Trial: A placebo-controlled RCT of antibiotic therapy or endoscopic sinus surgery (ESS) for adults with chronic rhinosinusitis	Prof David Beard	Participant-centred informed consent policy Guideline	Dr Ambika Murthy	
2.45pm – 3.00pm	A workforce enhancement model for Australian remote community Primary Health Care services: implementation of a stepped-wedge cluster randomised trial (SW-CRT)	Prof Amanda Leach	Bridging the Gap: Has Implementation Science reached the Clinical Trial Workforce? A National Needs Assessment of Training and Practice	A/Prof Ingrid Hickman	
3.00pm-3.30pm	Afternoon tea and poster session				Registries Symposium Workshop 3 & 4 cont.
3.30pm-5.00pm	Plenary 4 – Debate - AI is driving smarter, faster, fairer clinical trials Chair – Prof Nadine Foster Room – Conference Hall				
3.30pm – 4.45pm	The great debate		Prof Thomas Jaki, A/Prof Niusha Shafiabady, Prof Guy Tsafnat, Dr Maame Esi Woode		
4.45pm – 5.00pm	ACTA Symposium Closing		Prof Chris Reid		

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Wednesday 19 November 2025		
7.30am - 8.30am	Registration	
8.30am - 11.00am	Workshop 1	Operational And Statistical Issues in Adaptive Platform Trials
9.00am -11.00am	Workshop 2 Workshop 3	Costing Implementation Strategies (COST-IS) And Enhancing Economic Evaluations in Trials Demystifying Intersectionality in Clinical Trials: From Theory to Practice
11.00am - 11.30am	Morning tea and poster session	
11.30-1.00pm	Workshop 1 cont Workshop 2 cont Workshop 3 cont	Operational And Statistical Issues in Adaptive Platform Trials Costing Implementation Strategies (COST-IS) And Enhancing Economic Evaluations in Trials Demystifying Intersectionality in Clinical Trials: From Theory to Practice
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch and poster session	
1.30pm- 3.00pm	Workshop 1 cont	Operational And Statistical Issues in Adaptive Platform Trials
2.00pm - 3.20pm	Workshop 5	Addressing Inequities and Access to Clinical Trials for Indigenous Australians
3.20pm – 3.40pm	Afternoon tea and poster session	
3.40-5.00pm	Workshop 1 cont Workshop 5 cont	Operational And Statistical Issues in Adaptive Platform Trials Addressing Inequities and Access to Clinical Trials for Indigenous Australians