



**Newsletter
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A great milestone- 1000th Trial Listing!

The Clinical Trials Team at Illawarra Shoalhaven Cancer & Haematology Network, Wollongong Hospital, are part of the ClinTrial Refer NSW Medical Oncology Research Network and we'd like to congratulate them on listing the 1000th trial in the ClinTrial Refer platform this month!

This is a great milestone achievement. It represents the growing volume of activity that ClinTrial Refer supports and the hard work of all our networks in the continuous delivery of clinical trials to the Australian community. The pandemic has impacted the way in which clinical trials are able to be delivered to patients. In some circumstances they have had to be postponed or closed but we are very proud to witness how resilient and dedicated staff remain in ensuring patients are able to safely access new interventions via clinical trials.

Every new trial listing represents new hope for an improved treatment or cure that can change lives.

Well done everyone. We feel very privileged to support the amazing work you do.



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Trial Spotlight

The COVID-SHIELD Trial is looking to see if hydroxychloroquine (the medication under investigation) can help prevent COVID-19. COVID-19 is a condition caused by the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), presenting as fever, cough and shortness of breath. More serious cases require hospital admission and the need for assisted

ventilation, with a risk of death. The medication under investigation for this trial is already prescribed in Australia for conditions such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

We are looking for health care workers in Australia who are at risk of exposure to the new coronavirus to take part in the trial.

In this trial, participants will be randomly assigned to receive hydroxychloroquine or matching placebo daily. This will allow us to see if hydroxychloroquine is better than placebo in preventing COVID-19. About 2,250 health care workers in Australia will take part in the trial. We need you to help generate the evidence we urgently need to fight COVID-19. There is no obligation, so see if you may qualify now.

Register your interest to participate in this clinical trial now recruiting at the following links:

<https://web.clintrialreferapp.com/SearchTrial/Details?trialId=5ssWMA4pWeI%3D>

<https://www.covidshieldtrial.com.au>



A New Look for ClinTrial Refer



At ClinTrial Refer we are dedicated to improving access to clinical trials for everyone. Our free to use mobile app and website platform make it quick and easy for you to search for suitable clinical trials, find active trial locations and directly contact trial site staff. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new refreshed logo for ClinTrial Refer to help strengthen our branding and better communicate our mission.

The three arms in the logo represent the three groups ClinTrial Refer seeks to connect: People looking to participate in clinical trials, referring doctors or other healthcare professionals, and the clinical research staff at the trial sites.

The colors in the ClinTrial Refer logo have been enhanced and the text made bolder. A small red spot has been added to represent a red blood cell acknowledging the beginnings of ClinTrial Refer in hematology clinical research in NSW.

With our refreshed branding we aim to grow the ClinTrial Refer community and continue to improve access to clinical trials for all our users.

Free GCP Training for NSW Health and NSW MRI staff

On behalf of NSW Health, Office for Health and Medical Research, Clinicaltrials NSW is offering free online Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training for all NSW Health staff and NSW-based Medical Research Institutes.

The purpose of this training is to support the NSW clinical trials sector with remote learning opportunities during COVID-19. This training is available to current clinical trials staff or staff interested in working in clinical trials.

Training will be delivered remotely to participants via webinars and web-based learning platforms.

Two courses are available:

- Introduction to GCP – for staff new to clinical trials, or who have not completed comprehensive training
- Refresher GCP – for experienced clinical trial staff, and/or those who have previously obtained GCP certification

Places are limited and subject to availability. Visit medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/gcp-training for full details including course dates and registration.

Would you like to be an inspiration for someone?

Share your story if you have taken part in a clinical trial or supported someone through a trial. Your stories and thoughts are important to us and can be a great encouragement to others. If you'd like to share a clinical trial story please email us at raheela@clintrialreferapp.com. We'd love to hear from you.



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