



February Newsletter 2023

Princess Alexandra Hospital Joins the ClinTrial Refer Community



Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a major teaching and referral centre and one of the largest hospitals in Australia. In line with government health strategies, PAH is focusing on high acuity patients under the care of Medical, Surgical, Cancer, and Rehabilitation. PAH is committed to the delivery of high-quality health care, teaching and research services and PAH supports the Metro South Health Research Strategy 2019-2024, which has been developed to acknowledge the significant impact that research and researchers contribute to the delivery of high quality healthcare services to the community, and to focus Metro South Health's research efforts in coming years.

The Division of Cancer Services - Cancer Trials Unit (DOCS CTU) is dedicated to providing a high-quality service for the delivery of clinical research treatments for patients with cancer. The research conducted explores questions of optimal drug use, novel combination chemotherapies, targeted therapies, radiation therapy, new diagnostic tests, prognostic indices, best supportive care, molecular predictors of response and cost effectiveness. The aims of the CTU are to offer patients with cancer access to new treatments or treatments that would be otherwise be

unavailable to them, and to contribute answers to important scientific questions to the cancer care community.

In addition to Oncology and Haematology trials you can also source clinical trials for Gastroenterology and Hepatology at PAH, using the ClinTrial Refer app.

Download the App or visit the [website](#) to start searching!

ClinTrial Refer Welcomes the Support of the Liver Foundation



ClinTrial Refer supporters play a critical role in raising awareness of ClinTrial Refer as a valuable tool to connect to current clinical trial options.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank the Liver Foundation for their support in helping raise awareness of ClinTrial Refer as an important resource to access current clinical trials.

Liver Foundation is Australia's national peak body that works across all liver diseases. Since 1995, they have been working to ensure liver health is a priority for all and they connect liver patients to vital resources and services to help them manage their condition and achieve a better quality of life.

Liver Foundation fund life-changing research and delivers support that gives hope to people living with liver disease or liver cancer. They also advocate for policy change and champion equitable access to treatment and care.

Liver Foundation provide a holistic view of all causes of liver disease in children and adults. They strive to create a healthier community through promoting liver health and raising awareness and early detection of liver disease.

To learn more about the Liver Foundation, click [here](#).

Trial Spotlight



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On average 28 trials are listed in the ClinTrial Refer database every month

We aim to highlight some of these in our newsletter each month

[Search CTR website](#)

Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) president appointed AM



Prof Gemma Figtree (AM)

Congratulations to Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) President Professor Gemma Figtree for being appointed a member of the Order of Australia for her significant services to the field of Cardiology.

Professor Figtree is a well known and highly respected clinician and researcher. Her recent program of work has identified and characterised patients who have had heart attacks without the standard modifiable risk factors (SMuRFs). She and her team are currently working towards diagnostic tools to identify risk in a different way, potentially saving many thousands of lives.

Prof Figtree was both surprised and honoured to receive the recent award.

"I'm honoured to receive this award. I see it as an acknowledgement of how vital cardiovascular research is and the contribution that it makes to Australian lives. There has been a palpable sense of

apathy around heart disease- with common perception that it's all solved or understood, and that individuals who suffer events have somehow treated themselves badly. This is not the case. Cardiovascular disease is still Australia's biggest killer. This is not an inevitable situation. Australian researchers can lead the way over the next 10 years to unravel answers to the significant variation in individual susceptibility to heart disease and stroke and improve personalised preventative strategies."

Her determination to help transform the sector is driven by the compassion she has for her patients with the patient experience being something she is even more aware of since her diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer last year.

'Being on the other side of the clinician/patient relationship has really reinforced my motivation to work on improving the patient experience.'

In addition to her role as ACvA president, Prof Figtree is also an interventional cardiologist and a Professor in Medicine at the University of Sydney. She co-leads the Cardiovascular Theme for Sydney Health Partners, a NHMRC Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre and is the Chair of the University of Sydney's multi-disciplinary Cardiovascular Initiative.



ACvA are currently communicating **42 trials** in the ClinTrial Refer App. Download the App to view ACvA trials or visit the ClinTrial Refer [website](#) to search for trials now.

SAVE THE DATE

29 - 31 May 2023

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Australian Dementia Research Forum 2023



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Registrations have now opened for the Australian Dementia Research Forum 2023. The forum is the premier event for Australian dementia research, bringing together dementia researchers, health professionals and policymakers, as well as people living with dementia and their families and carers. The forum, dedicated to advancing dementia science and research, will be held both in-person and online from 29-31 May 2023. The theme for the forum is Discovery, Diagnostics and Management: A new era for Dementia.

There are several ticket options available including Continuing Education and One Day registration.

Tickets are limited. Register early to receive an early bird discount!

Register [here](#).



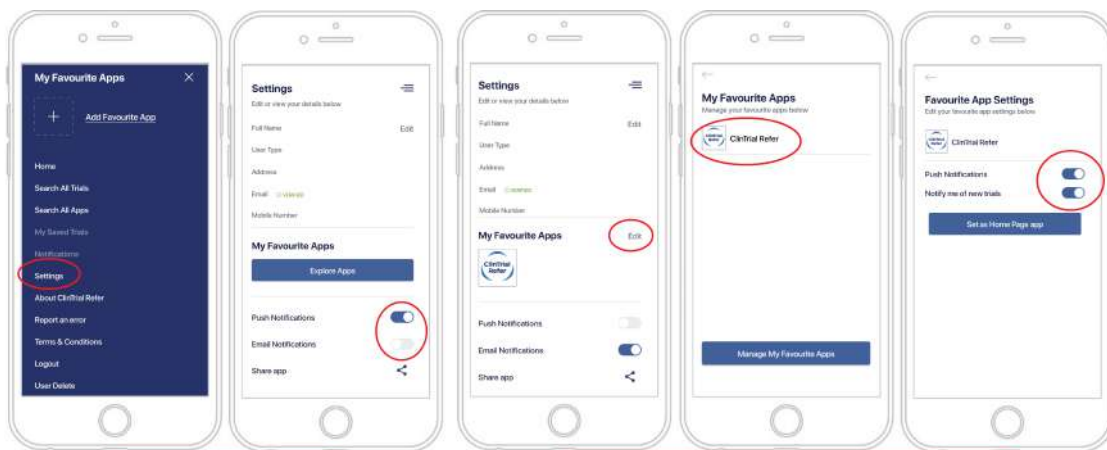
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ClinTrial Refer App Features- Notifications

Did you know that you can manage trial notifications in your App? You can select general and favourite app notification preferences. Follow the instructions below to switch your notifications on or off and select how you receive notifications such as via email, phone or both!



To change your general notification preferences, go to the Settings menu and switch them on or off. A blue switch means ON and grey means OFF.

To set specific notifications for each of your favourite apps, go to the Settings menu, click edit and then click on the icon of your favourite app. You may then select your app-specific notification preferences

Do you have something to share?

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 admin@clintrialreferapp.com. We'd love to hear from you.



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