



Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation Awards \$180,000 Clinical Trial Innovation Prize

Crowdsourcing Challenge to Increase Patient Enrollment in Oncology Clinical
Trials

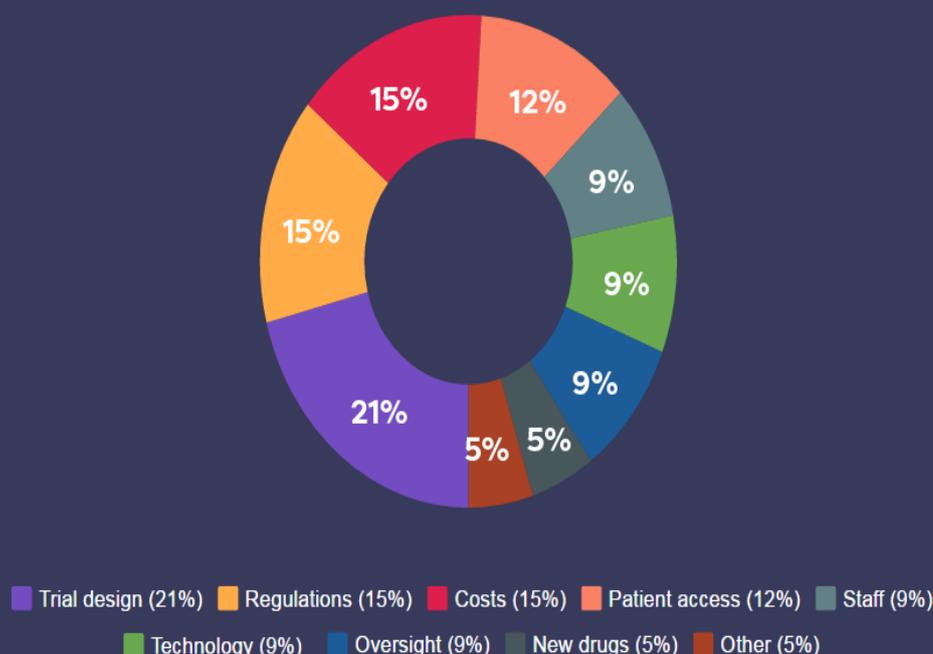


We would like to thank all members of the Haematology Clinical Research Network. "This project has been instrumental in increasing enrolment to clinical trials- a great breakthrough. It is our patients that are benefitting. Being referred to a hospital for a clinical trial is a team effort." Roslyn Ristuccia

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/bonnie-j-addario-lung-cancer-foundation-awards-180000-clinical-trial-innovation-prize-300459893.html>

Second Place: The other winners are Judith Trotman and Roslyn Ristuccia of Australia who developed the app ClinTrial Refer, which increases the cross-referral of patients between hospitals by enhancing doctors' knowledge of current trials. The use of this app has increased trial recruitment by more than 50 percent. ClinTrial Refer enhances communication among oncologists, trial units and potential patients. "The ClinTrial Refer app allows networks of trial units to collaborate and contribute current listings about recruiting trials. The app is free to download and becomes the clinician's best resource," Trotman said. "The main barrier to improving recruitment is doctors knowing where and how to refer patients. Now they can look up current information within seconds, during a consultation visit. Patients can gather the knowledge they need for decisions on all available treatment options at www.clintrial.org.au."

The biggest challenges facing clinical trial professionals



A twitter post I came across late Nov 2016 explored the challenges that face clinical trial professionals. Questionnaires were conducted amongst the clinical research community and the above chart shows the results of the responses.

The top three responses were in order of highest to lowest, Trial design, Regulations and Costs.

Complexity of Trials was the most common complain regarding trial design. The problem at core is trying to come up with simple design for very complex modern clinical trials and this is met with a high rate of failure leading to increased costs to amend design flaws.

Regulations, a predictable obstacle, for some sites may be ranked very high. The challenge lies with variations between different regulatory bodies and unavoidable level of bias submitters can face. One application can pass with flying colours at a site then another site would come back with a million questions with the same submission. This is an unavoidable reality of clinical trials, even more so as clinical research seeps in through social media, certain sites may feel the responsibility on behalf of the public to drill down to the details and ask all the tough questions before the study is approved at their site.

Costs due to the increasing level of complexity and tight timelines. There is an ever increasing pressure to open studies quickly and close them even quicker. We believe the only solution to this problem is knowledge management and technology.

What are your thoughts? Let us know on the ClinTrial Refer [forum](#), [Facebook](#), [twitter](#) or via [email](#).

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We would like to thank Melanie Gentgall for offering two scholarship programs worth \$1000 each to the HCRN network. Congratulations to Shakira Holdsworth from St George Hospital and Catherine Martin from Wollongong Hospital.

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Dr Teresa Anderson, Chief Executive of the Sydney Local Health District with over 30 years' experience as a clinician and manager in the public health system presented on Research Translation at the 2016 NHMRC Symposium.

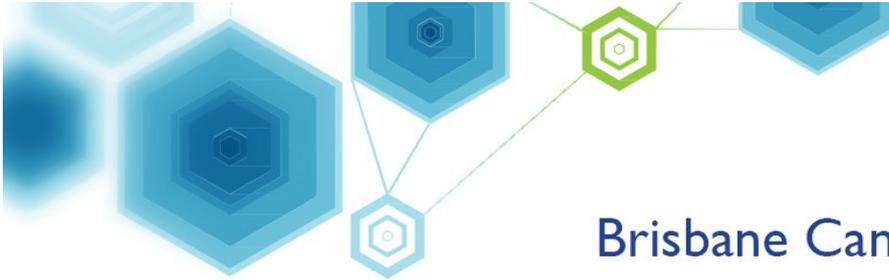
It was an honor for ClinTrial Refer to be able to help make a difference in the research community.

Full presentation video can be accessed on our website <https://goo.gl/SAjiuk>



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BRISBANE CANCER CONFERENCE 2016



Brisbane Cancer Conference

We would like to thank Brisbane Cancer Conference for the invitation. It was a privilege for us to be able to present amongst experts in the field of clinical research.



CLINTRIAL REFER

Connecting patients with clinical trials

"The App is simple and effective, as most brilliant ideas are."
Prof Bik To



Our presentation sparked some interesting discussion. The audience was very interested in data that could be collected via our apps. This a knowledge gap that needs to be filled in the research community and that is definitely one of our main priorities in the future planning of our apps. We continually strive to provide better features with each iteration for our users.



WHAT OUR USERS SAY

Professor Salles Gilles, Chair of the LYSA
LYSA Lymphoma Study Association cooperative group



“ClinTrial Refer LYSA enables our clinicians and research staff instant access to all the inclusion and exclusion criteria for our trials. This is such a handy tool for use in clinic and the MDT!”

“ClinTrial LYSA permet aux médecins et aux attachés de recherche clinique de vérifier sur le champ les critères d’inclusion et d’exclusion des essais du LYSA. Super pratique au quotidien pendant la visite ou en RCP!”

Professor David Gottlieb, Head of BMT Services
Westmead Hospital Sydney



"The ClinTrial Refer app has been a paradigm shift in identifying clinical trials for patients with haematological malignancies. For the first time, haematologists can identify in real time major therapeutic opportunities that they would not otherwise have been aware of. Beyond individual patients, the enhanced recruitment to clinical trials this app offers is of enormous benefit to the medical community at large and to patients and families."





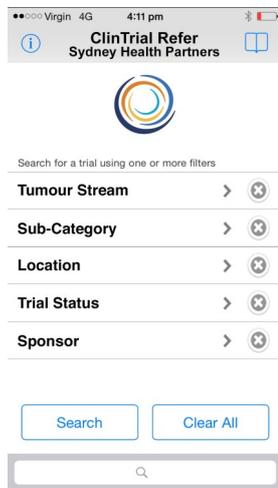
Reminder for our members that the community forum is up and running. Some members have already logged on to participate.

Registration process is quick and easy just like our apps, sign up and discuss your most passionate topics relating to clinical trials, the latest trends or just to vent your frustration, we're all ears.

We'll see you there!



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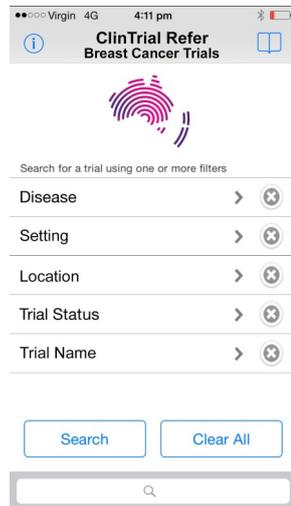
Congratulations to:

SHP for championing their ClinTrial Refer Sydney Health Partners app.



Formerly known as the Australia & New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group

ClinTrial Refer Breast Cancer Trials



Congratulations to:

Anna Fitzgerald for championing their ClinTrial Refer Breast Cancer Trials app.



ClinTrial Refer is a template for any Clinical Trial Portfolio. For information on this project, or how to license your own app contact: Roslyn Ristuccia (SESLHD) A/Prof Judith Trotman (SLHD). Feedback on this newsletter or want to contribute:?

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