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Celebrating Clinical Trials Day 20 May 2021

Each year on May 20 we celebrate **International Clinical Trials Day**. It is a time to acknowledge everyone who contributes to scientific knowledge and the development of new treatments and improved healthcare through clinical trials. We would like to sincerely thank everyone in the ClinTrial Refer research community for the contribution you make.

This year our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has played a part in the rapid development of vaccines for COVID-19 and improving the management of the illness. To the many thousands of patients and healthy volunteers who have participated in the global trials. To the medical researchers in their laboratories. To the clinical researchers in their hospitals and clinics. To the vast number of others who have also played their part as nurses, data managers, pharmacists and clinical trial staff. To all the regulatory staff working to review the clinical trial data and approve the vaccines for use. Never before has the world been so aware of the importance of clinical trials and of your contribution to the wellbeing of the population.

At the same time, ways were found to continue clinical trials in all the many other health conditions unrelated to the pandemic. We acknowledge all those who participated in non-COVID trials, and to those who found innovative new ways of working to continue those trials and to keep everyone safe in the process. At ClinTrial Refer we are aware of the personal toll that this past year has taken on many people involved in clinical trials as they rose to meet to the challenge of the pandemic and the ever changing conditions. Sincere thanks to all of you.

Launch of the new ClinTrial Refer Website

Please check out our new website at clintrialrefer.org.au, where you can search for trials and find out more information about ClinTrial Refer when you are using your laptop or desktop.



Clinical Trials at Your Fingertips

Clinical Trial Spotlight: The OLIE Study

There is a new trial listing in the ClinTrial Refer App for a study seeking participants aged 2-25 years who have relapsed or refractory osteosarcoma. Please see details below and click on the link to learn more about the opportunity.

Participate in the OLIE Study

The OLIE Study is investigating how a drug called lenvatinib works when used in combination with chemotherapy (ifosfamide and etoposide) compared to chemotherapy (ifosfamide and etoposide) alone to treat relapsed or refractory osteosarcoma. This clinical trial has been approved by an independent ethics committee.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the opportunity.

Connect with ClinTrial Refer in person at the ARCS Conference 7 - 9 June, 2021

ClinTrial Refer will be participating as an exhibitor at the upcoming **annual ARCS Conference** to be held on **7 – 9 June in Sydney at ICC Darling Harbour**. We are very much looking forward to this opportunity meet up in person with our clinical research and industry colleagues at this important education and networking event. After all the cancelled events and the many virtual conversations that we have all had in the last year it will be lovely to see everyone again face to face. There is still time to register for the conference: [ARCS Conference Registration](#).

If you are attending please do come and say hello to Christine Zahren and Lesley Hunt at our stand in the exhibition hall, we will be **next to the ARCS stand at Stand #48**.

The banner features the 2021 ARCS Annual Conference logo in the top left and the ARCS Australia logo in the top right. The central text reads "From pandemic to recovery - building Australia's competitive advantage post COVID". Below this, a network of glowing nodes is connected by lines. A large circular logo for "ClinTrial Refer" is on the right. A blue box at the bottom left says "We are proud to be exhibiting at the 2021 ARCS Annual Conference". At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text "7-9 June 2021, ICC Sydney | www.arcs.com.au" on the left and "#ARCSAus" on the right.

Nominate an Individual or Group Working in Clinical Trials for the New ARCS Awards

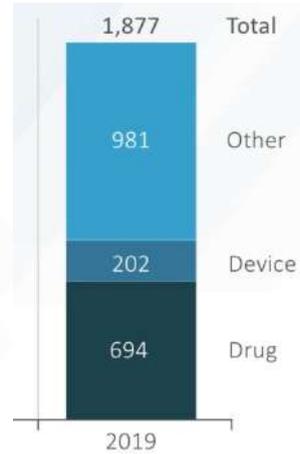
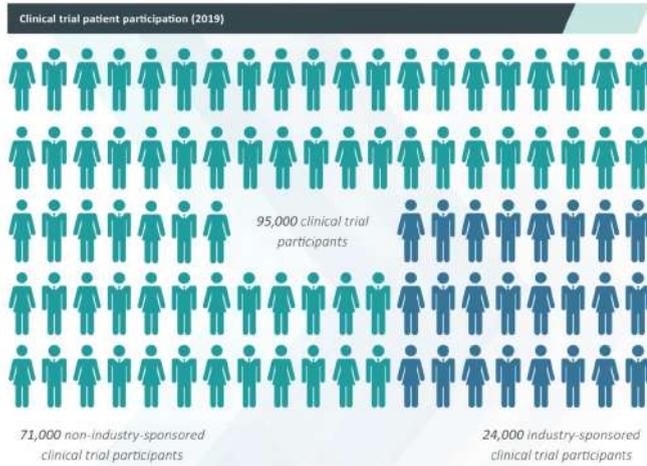
This year ARCS Australia have introduced four new awards for innovation and leadership to acknowledge the enormous impact that the COVID pandemic has had on everyone working in the sector. Why not nominate an individual or organisation today that you feel is worthy of recognition?

- The **ARCS Innovation Award** acknowledges individuals or groups who showed creativity, resolve and resilience to solve what seemed like intractable issues in the face of the COVID pandemic.
- The **ARCS Leadership Award** acknowledges individuals or groups who astutely identified adverse issues faced by their organisation as the lockdowns forced working from home and who implemented sustainable changes with positive outcomes for both employees and the organisation.

The process is very simple and can be completed online in a few minutes. The Awards will be presented at the ARCS Conference Awards Dinner on Tuesday 8 June. Please [submit your nominations](#) today, submissions close on **31 May 2021**.

The ARCS Australia membership is made up of individuals working in regulatory affairs, clinical research, health economics, medical information and other disciplines involved in the development and quality use of therapeutic goods. ARCS members are based in industry, academia, medical research institutes, government, hospitals and patient groups.

New Report Released on Clinical Trial Activity in Australia



A new report released on the 20 May prepared by [MPTConnect](#) entitled ***Australia's Clinical Trials Sector: Advancing innovative healthcare and powering economic growth***, provides a snapshot of the size and scope of clinical trials activity in Australia. Some of the key findings were that a total of **1,877 new clinical trials** started in Australia in 2019. The number of clinical trials ongoing in 2019 would have been higher, as many trials run for longer than one year. The report estimates that **95,000 people** participated in clinical trials in 2019 alone. The report highlights the significant contribution that the conduct of clinical trials makes to better health outcomes and to the Australian economy, and identifies opportunities for the future.

ACTA 2021 Clinical Trial Award Winners Announced



ClinTrial Refer congratulates all the winners and finalists in the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance 2021 Awards announced on 20 May:

- **2021 ACTA Trial of the Year Award Winner: ProPSMA**
Prostate-specific membrane antigen PET-CT in patients with high-risk prostate cancer before curative-intent surgery or radiotherapy (ProPSMA): a prospective, randomised, multicentre study.
- **2021 ACTA Trial of the Year Award Winner: Pneumothorax study**
A randomised controlled trial of conservative versus interventional treatment for spontaneous pneumothorax.
- **2021 ACTA Trial of the Year Award Finalist: PEPTIC**
Effect of stress ulcer prophylaxis with proton pump inhibitors vs. Histamine-2 receptor blockers on in-hospital mortality among ICU patients with invasive mechanical ventilation
- **2021 ACTA Trial of the Year Commendation: REMAP-CAP**
Randomised, Embedded, Multifactorial Adaptive Platform trial for Community-Acquired Pneumonia: Corticosteroid Domain
- **2021 Excellence in Trials Statistics Award Winner: PEPTIC**
Effect of stress ulcer prophylaxis with proton pump inhibitors vs. Histamine-2 receptor blockers on in-hospital mortality among ICU patients with invasive mechanical ventilation
- **2021 Excellence in Trials Statistics Commendation: REMAP-CAP**
Randomised, Embedded, Multifactorial Adaptive Platform trial for Community-Acquired Pneumonia: Corticosteroid Domain
- **2021 Consumer Involvement Commendation: CHIRI**
Improving the control of hypertension in rural India: Overcoming barriers to diagnosis and effective treatment.

Regarding the awards ACTA CEO, Simone Yendle said, "The spotlight is firmly on clinical trials across the world right now, and there has never been a more relevant time to celebrate the breadth and quality of trials underway in Australia. We are incredibly proud to be able to showcase and share the tremendous efforts being undertaken in Australia's healthcare system that are creating real changes to patient care."

ACTA is the national peak body supporting and representing networks of clinician-researchers conducting investigator-initiated clinical trials, maintaining clinical quality registries, and operating clinical trial coordinating centres within the Australian healthcare system.

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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