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## Australian Clinical Trials Alliance Meeting 10 - 12 November 2021

Strengthening the pipeline  
for clinical research



ClinTrial Refer has been invited to present at the upcoming [Australian Clinical Trials Alliance](#) Annual Scientific Meeting on 10 - 12 November as part of Stream 3: 'Facilitating efficient and cost-effective recruitment and completion of clinical trials'. The overall theme for the 2021 ACTA Meeting is "**Strengthening the pipeline for clinical research**".

The event program has been designed to highlight, celebrate and discuss key topics across the full clinical research spectrum and features prominent, national keynote

speakers, including Australian Government representatives, leading clinician researchers, and representatives of the wider stakeholder community.

Delegates at the virtual ACTA scientific meeting will include sector leaders, policymakers, consumers, clinicians, and researchers specialising in a broad range of diseases and disciplines. The event will focus on the opportunities and challenges facing the clinician-led clinical trials sector from the perspective of ACTA's vision of ***better health through best evidence***.

ACTA is the national peak body supporting and representing networks of 10,000 clinician-researchers conducting investigator-initiated clinical trials, maintaining clinical quality registries, and operating clinical trial coordinating centres within the Australian healthcare system.



More information about the meeting and registration details can be found [here](#).

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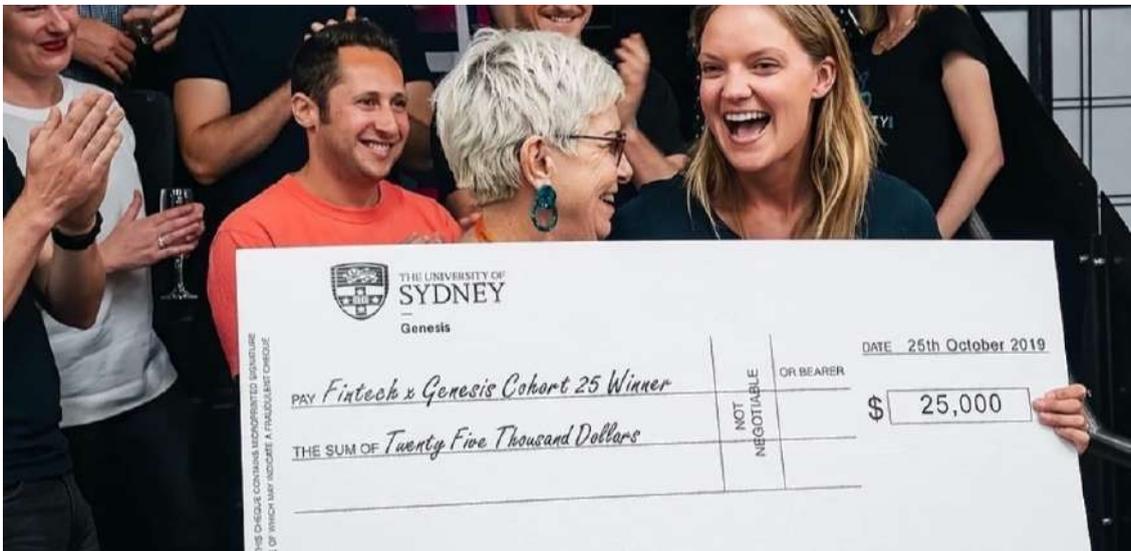
## User Story - Dr Vinay Vanguru, Haematologist RPAH NSW



Dr Vinay Vanguru talks about why and how he uses ClinTrial Refer to support patients with options in the management of their care

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## Top 7 Finalist in the Genesis Program at the University of Sydney



We are thrilled to announce that ClinTrial Refer was selected this week in the Top 7 Finalists of the University of Sydney's Genesis Program, run by the Business School and open to all University students, staff and alumni to accelerate their commercial and social enterprises. From an initial field of almost 100 organisations the ClinTrial Refer team has been selected through 3 elimination rounds of the competition to reach the finals to be held next week.

The University's flagship Genesis program is managed by Alex Carpenter, associate lecturer in entrepreneurship at the Business School. "One of the reasons we run Genesis is to build a deeply supportive entrepreneurial community based on empowerment and respect," Alex said. Since launching in 2008 more than 1000 University of Sydney alumni, students and staff have completed the Genesis program and in total raised over \$55 million, creating more than 900 jobs.

Earlier this year, Access Corporate Group announced it would provide \$100,000 to fund four Genesis competitions across two years. Chief Brand Officer at Access Corporate and graduate of the University of Sydney, Livia Wang said "While 2021 has not been without its challenges, it has been incredible to witness the speed and scale of innovation in the world. It is why we want to support Genesis. It's a great program that helps entrepreneurs pursue their dreams and gives them the best chance of success."

Congratulations to the other Top 7 finalists and to all the other teams that have participated in the competition. "It's been inspiring to be amongst a group of smart, hard working individuals that are following their passion to each make the world a better place in some way" said Christine Zahren, Business Development Manager for ClinTrial Refer.

The Genesis program culminates in the Finale on the evening of Tuesday 26 October, where the Top 7 Finalist teams in Cohort 28 present for the chance to receive \$25,000 equity-free funding and a range of coaching and support opportunities provided by the University including one-on-one access to industry mentors and advisors. To attend the virtual Genesis Finale you can register [here](#).

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We were also recently selected as a FINALIST in the global Citeline Awards 2021 for the **Best Patient-Facing Technology Initiative**. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions the October judging and announcement of the winners has been postponed. The in-person awards ceremony will now be held on 7 April 2022 in Boston, USA.



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## Our Survey Feedback and the 3x \$100 Prize Winners

Thank you to the hundreds of people who took the time to respond to our survey about how you use the ClinTrial Refer App and Website. By far the most popular feature nominated was the accessibility of our open database of current clinical trial options.



We appreciate the feedback from everyone who made comments about what they loved and also how we can continue to improve ClinTrial Refer.

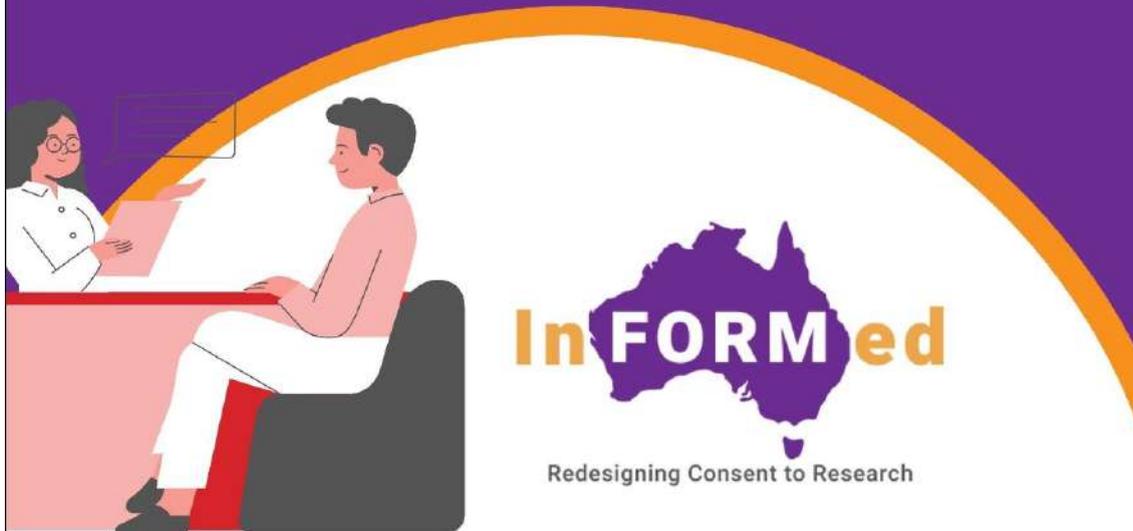
You can be assured that we're reading every single comment and considering all the ideas you shared.

The lucky winners of our three **\$100 gift vouchers** have been drawn. Winners will be contacted this week on the email you provided and given details of how to redeem your prize. Thanks for taking part!

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## CT:IQ Surveys on Participant Information and Consent Forms

# WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS



**CT:IQ** (Clinical Trials: Impact & Quality) is a group of people with a common aim to get Australia thinking smarter about the design and conduct of clinical trials and research studies. CT:IQ is currently undertaking “**The InFORMed Project**” to simplify the experience of agreeing to participate in research.

The basis for ethical research practice is having participants provide informed consent before they take part. Potential participants are given written information about the research and a consent form to sign, this is called a **Participant Information and Consent Form (PICF)** which is often quite complex, long and can be difficult for people to understand.

The project team is seeking opinions on PICF's from:

- Consumers via this [CONSUMER PICF SURVEY LINK](#)
- Other key stakeholders including researchers, site staff, sponsors, and those working in ethics and governance via this [OTHER STAKEHOLDER PICF SURVEY LINK](#)

The surveys will be open until **15 November 2021**.

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## 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](mailto:admin@clintrialreferapp.com). We'd love to hear from you.



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