



SAVE AUSTRALIAN CLINICAL TRIALS CAMPAIGN



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In September 2009, AccessCR, a company providing information about and for clinical research to consumers and clinical research professionals, made a decision to close the information services of its website. The previous 12 months had seen Australia's attractiveness as a place to run clinical trials significantly under challenge from overseas locations able to potentially start trials more quickly, run clinical trials more inexpensively and attract more trial volunteers due to their increased population sizes and motivations to participate in research.

Remaining passionate about the value of clinical trials to Australians and increasing clinical trial activity in Australia, AccessCR's MD, Dr Janelle Bowden, launched a Save Australian Clinical Trials Campaign. Consumers, researchers and industry around the country were invited to register their personal views (and encourage everyone they knew to do the same) on why clinical trials are important to Australia via the website saveclinicaltrials.com.au. The campaign was launched in October and closed on the 20th November, as a contribution to Research Australia's Thank You Day Initiative.

This document is the final list of respondents and their unedited responses. Janelle would like to thank all those that were willing to publicly participate in this campaign and hopes this list provides encouragement to the Australian government and industry to continue investing in clinical research in Australia.

Name	Role	Background	Why Clinical Trials Are Important to Me
Aare Prinz	Director	Supplier	We have some input as a trials protocol. Its direction, end points clinical objectives, access to the data and how this may be applied in a timely manner.
Abhishek Joshi	Medical Oncologist	Public Sector	Both for scientific advancement and also access to various research molecules/drugs for patients of terminal cancers.
Adrian Bootes	Clinical Research Manager	Company; Non-Commercial (ARCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clinical trials provide Drs in Australia access to the latest therapies or treatment methods for patients where alternative treatments are inadequate - GCP standards that come with clinical trials help train medical staff in best practise in patient care and record keeping - Patients have all necessary investigations and these are funded by companies, saving precious public sector health money - Clinical trial involvement helps retain medical talent in Australia so as less medical thought leaders want to move overseas - Clinical trials bring value adding to the Australian pharmaceuticals sector and are a means of employing very talented health professionals - Clinical trial work is not subject to variations in manufacture, problems with distance to markets etc. so are robust sources of employment in economic downturns etc.
Adrian Sommerville	business development manager	Potential volunteer	To make effective drugs available in Australia with the support of the government
Alexander Macdonald	Pensioner	Consumer/ Patient Advocate; Disabled General Public; Potential volunteer	To improve the medical outcome for the benefit of all patients
Alicia Parkes	Senior Clinical Trials Coordinator	Company	Clinical Trials is my living and I am passionate about being part of a large network which serves to benefit the treatment opportunities for sick people.
Alison Lai	Manager ISIS	Supplier	For me personally I enjoy working in the clinical trial industry and would like to have a job in the next 10 years. Clinical trials are a huge source of research funding for our public and private hospitals and institutions but if Australia cannot remain competitive with our Asian (eg Korea, India and China) neighbours then the industry will move away from Australia! Australia has been able to provide high quality research but this is not enough when the negatives such as sky rocketing site fees and slow start up time (EC/ governance approval) out weigh the positive.
Allan Bukuya		Company	<p>Australian staff hold a high level of experience in clinical trials, not only an advantage to Australia, but this experience/leadership is also utilised for the greater region, into Asia Pacific. Supporting trials in Australia, is also supporting medical advancement in the greater region, which reflects well on Australia. Clinical trials provide additional treatment options to patient's outside currently available therapy, which might not result in the desired affects.</p> <p>Execution and success of clinical trials in Australia tremendously support the development of local hospital and medical centre improvement initiatives. For these reasons among many, it is important that our national clinical trial processes and systems maintain their high standard, however move forward in a more streamlined and pragmatic form.</p>
Allan Norton	Retired	General Public	I would have thought Australia had the expertise to lead clinical trials of Clinical Research better than countries like India & China. Australia can lead in this field like we are with Companies such as CSL and Resmed.

Allyson Newman	Study Co-ordinator/ Registered Nurse	Public Sector	Clinical trials are important way of advancing medical practice and enhancing patient safety. It is crucial that Australia fight to be able to contribute our very high quality data to large, international clinical trials and not allow these opportunities to be taken from us by countries with larger man power, that, whilst can collect large amounts of data quickly due to the large populations, is not nearly as good a quality. It is also important our for our patients to have access to these drugs/treatments etc. that they otherwise may not have access to.
Amanda Craig	Senior Lecturer Clinical Trials	Supplier; Education	I agree with all your statements as to the need for clinical trials. I believe that the risk to not run trials in a well regulated quality system (perhaps that might not exist in developing markets) is to lower the quality of the results and ultimately affect drug pipeline/regulatory/PBS decisions.
Amanda Jubb	Consultant	Supplier; Potential volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access for Australians to new therapeutic goods. - Growth of expertise of local medical and scientific individuals in research processes and new therapeutic developments. - Retaining scientific and medical jobs in Australia including mine! - Financial contribution of industry sponsored trials to public health system.
Amanda Stanton	Clinical Research Coordinator	Non Commercial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical trials provide patients with the opportunity to trial drugs particularly in treating diseases that do not have many options currently available. 2. Pharmaceutical sponsored clinical trials encourage other research by providing support, education and experience in conducting trials. This encourages practitioners to invest their own time, energy and resources into researching issues they feel relevant and necessary to improve and develop practice within Australia and internationally.
Amelia Bohle	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	Local studies involve Australians and therefore benefit Australia. Australia is then also seen as a role player in research.
Andrew Carr	Professor of Medicine	Public Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early access to patients for new therapies. 2. Improve standards of care. 3. Generate data that leads to improved basic (laboratory) science of the disease under investigation 4. Improve clinical infrastructure in public hospitals 5. Improve medical and nursing training
Andrew Giddy	CEO	Non- commercial; Potential volunteer	Clinical trials provide early access to Australians for the newest, life saving medicines. Australia has excellent discovery research in the medical field and a fledgling biotech sector - clinical trials in Australia are vital for bringing Australian discoveries to the community and retaining the commercial value within Australia.
Andrew Woods	Senior Clinical Projects Assistant	Company	Not only does it keep people such as myself in a job, but clinical research also brings many benefits to the public. Free and early access to otherwise expensive medications/treatments, and specialist care are only just a few benefits which are seen by the public.
Angela Giagodi	Training Manager	Supplier	Clinical trials are an important avenue for patients to get access to medical treatments in Australia that would otherwise not be available to them. Trials also give doctors an opportunity to gain experience using new medicines and have another option to offer their patients. Research creates jobs for many people.
Angela Lee Lance	Senior Regulatory Affairs Associate	Company;	To ensure the integrity of the clinical research that is done, to provide much needed employment to support the Australian economy, to ensure that cutting edge medicines and medical treatments are available first for all Australians, providing research and education opportunities for Australians rather than losing our talent pool overseas.
Angelo Raveane	Pharmacist	Company; Potential volunteer; General Public	Data collected in Australia can be better scrutinised and hence fast tracked by our regulatory authorities which are amongst the most stringent in the world. This would shorten the time in which new drugs can be bought to market in this country. Naturally of course it creates more jobs here and also would increase R&D in this country. It would also stop some of the brain drain to overseas.

Anna Dowd	Trial coordinator	Public Sector	Australian people deserve access to the latest drugs and that includes drugs which are still being trialled. I work in cancer research where those new drugs may provide a life changing chance, an area of health where patients may not be around when the drug is approved, where time is critical.
Anne Woollett	Clinical Trials manager	Public Sector	Offer access to new therapies that would not otherwise be available to the community
Anne Woollett	Clinical Trials Manager	Public Sector	Clinical trials provide access to innovative new treatment options, without trials the Australian public will not have access to these innovative treatments
Anne-Julie Gaudreau	CRA	Company	To allow patient to receive the best treatments for their conditions. To motivate workers to new therapeutics advancements.
Anthony Slater	Writer	Potential volunteer	Because it allows new and better drugs to be trialled, speeding up the process of bringing to market many solutions to the medical problems of today. It's also a great revenue source for those planning on becoming volunteers. Why let America benefit from all the multinational pharmaceutical company monies? Australia deserves it's share too!
Anthony Treacy	Clinical Operations Manager	Company	
Antoinette Fontela	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Public Sector	Gives Aussie doctors a chance to have their scientific ideas trialled. Makes it cheaper than the O/S Pharma and therefore faster to hopefully faster to get drugs onto the market. Keep Australian clinical trial coordinators employed.
Aonghus Walsh	Project Clinical Programmer	Company	There is much to be lost if clinical research declines in Australia, not the least of which are the benefits to Australian patients, our healthcare system, jobs, and Australia's reputation for medical research.
Arthur Falls	Triallist	Potential volunteer	Good supplementary income.
Audrey le Goff-Coquet	Clinical Research Associate	Public Sector	There is much to be lost if clinical research declines in Australia, not the least of which are the benefits to Australian patients, our healthcare system, jobs, and Australia's reputation for medical research. And, because like many other industries, it is getting harder for Australia to attract clinical trials when there are developing countries where trials are less expensive to run, and there are more people willing to volunteer for trials.
Audrey Pita	Commercial cleaner	Potential volunteer	So that we can help to develop new treatments for diseases and conditions
Belinda Bardsley	Research Manager	Public Sector; Potential volunteer	Patient access to new and better treatments is my fundamental concern in supporting Australia's ongoing involvement in clinical trials. Furthermore, clinical trials activity provides direct and indirect funding for many jobs in a variety of settings. Clinical trials maintain cutting-edge knowledge and early access to new treatments, enhance site expertise, provide publication and academic research opportunities, promote Investigator credibility and Australia's global standing in medical excellence.
Belinda Smith	Clinical Research Nurse	Non-commercial	The continuation of clinical trials in Australia is essential to allow all Australians the opportunity to be a part of the development of potentially life saving treatments.
Bereha Khodr	Clinical Trials Manager	Public Sector	-To improve Australia's Health System - To give Australian patients the oppurtunity to participate in trials. - To allow those that work in the clinical trial sector maintain their job
Bernadette Hadchiti	Pensioner	Consumer/ Patient	Because I have a condition myself and I would like to volunteer and benefit of these trials, as well as I would appreciate that my country and my fellows citizens benefits of them too...

		Advocate; Potential volunteer; General Public	
Bernardine Presnell	Quality Assurance and Training Manager, CMAX	Company	<p>Australia has developed the expertise and experience to conduct high quality clinical trials in this country. The fact that other countries come to Australia to conduct their clinical trials here, shows that they have confidence in our scientific research. We are able to set the standard for products due for release into the Australian healthcare system and do not have to accept products which may or may not have been adequately tested. Clinical trials help to stimulate scientific research in this country and provides employment for many science and nursing graduates. In addition clinical trials support other industries that provide goods and services such as catering and transport for the trials.</p> <p>The most important loss to the country, if clinical trials are not run in Australia, will be its scientific and research standing in the global community. The quality of our healthcare system may be brought into question, and the opportunity for graduates to find relevant and stimulating employment will be reduced.</p>
Bernice Davies	Research governance	Public sector	I work in research governance so I see that trials offer people the opportunity to try new treatments. But more importantly my sister is on a trial. She has a multiplicity of bowel disorders and so standard treatments don't work.
Beth van den IJssel	Project Officer	Public Sector	Given Australia has a greying population, want to reduce the pain and suffering people endure whilst growing old. We also have many youth that die before their time. Clinical trials help to new treatment out to the public to help reduce suffering and death.
Bin Hua	Dr.	PhD Student	Offering a job opportunity for me.
Bree	Site Manager	Company	Ensuring patient access, safety and ongoing drug development.
Brendan Moylan	shop fitter	Potential volunteer	So we (Australia) can be seen as leaders in the industry and so that people have access to volunteering and earning money as it is usually those who really need it that apply.
Brian Creese	Principal Consultant	Supplier	Increased clinical drug trials in Australia will improve access to novel medicines for many Australians.
Brooke Wadsworth	Physiotherapist	Public Sector; Supplier; Consumer/ Patient Advocate; Potential Volunteer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)Reflect our population 2)Ensure we keep skilled workers/researchers within Australia 3)Research conducted here is of a high standard with stringent ethical review to ensure relevant and safe research is conducted 4)We need to encourage more young professionals to become involved in research to ensure quality and experience 5)We are well placed and well educated to drive many areas of quality medical research
Bruce A Watson	Retired	General Public; Potential volunteer	to be part of the latest technology
Bryan John Cooley	Teacher	General Public	To retain skills nationally and source of income from clinical trials nationally(acknowledging they may be reduced to compete with overseas)
C. Matisons	HR	Non-Commercial	For the education of research students in Australia and for research jobs in Australia.
Carmen Gonzalez	Manager, Strategy and Communications	Supplier	It is important to me that patients in Australia have access to the latest research opportunities via clinical trials because advances made here improve the science and the medicine for patients everywhere. Removing a given region or nation from participation short changes patients everywhere and delays the progress of science/medicine.

Carmen Langley	Scientific Affairs Director	Company	To ensure a vibrant pharmaceutical industry so that Australian doctors and patients have access to new treatments.
Carol Cawse	Administrator	Company	Clinical trials in Australia provide access to the latest innovative medicines and treatments for patients. Clinical trials are worth about 500million AUD a year to the economy and provide over 700 jobs.
Carol Lakkis	Director of Research	Non-commercial; Supplier	Clinical trials are essential for the development of new medical devices and drugs to improve the health of the Australian population. They also provide important research opportunities for scientists, who will take on overseas positions if clinical trials are not run in Australia, making the brain drain in Australia even larger.
Carolyn jo Eagl	Accountant	General Public	Retain the capacity within Australia to perform clinical trials. Retain Australia's competitive advantage and market differentiation for quality, world-leading development and research. Retain employment within Australia. Provide a level of comfort to the general public that drugs tested have met all the quality and health requirements - there is currently a perception that drugs tested predominantly in India/China do not necessarily have the requisite controls in place.
Casey Joy Price	Admin Manager	General Public; Potential volunteer	So that people in Australia have access to treatment early on instead of having to fly overseas for second rate care
Catherine Calan	Clinical Research Associate	Company; Consumer / Patient Advocate	It is important to promote safe and effective drug development and continue world class research.
Catherine Ferguson	Clinical Practice Consultant	Public Sector	To provide our patients with the option of the latest treatments and care. Public health policy should also be driven by evidence based research based on our own (Australian) patient population experience.
Catherine Hubert	Clinical Research Associate	Company	To provide clinical trial data of QUALITY, so that it can be reliable. To keep my job in Australia. To continue developing local expertise and scientific breakthrough from Australia. To enhance our reputation as a country in the medical field
Catherine Manners	Disability Pensioner	Consumer/Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	I've had M.S. since 1985. Someday there will be a cure but only if we, the afflicted, make ourselves available for clinical trials which test potential treatments. Unless the trials are held in Australia we don't get access to the potential treatments, otherwise all we do is read about them in the medical abstracts and never get to try any of them. It may be too late for me but I cherish the hope that its not. M.S. has destroyed my life, in 1999I was a successful senior professional in a high profile job earning good money managing a team of 40 professionals, then organizational politics caused my health to deteriorate which forced my early retirement. Now I'm broke, living on a disability pension and unable to work. This disease destroys everything it touches.
Catherine Read	Senior Research Nurse	Public Sector	To be a part of the international research community. To give patients the opportunity of access to novel drugs/therapies. To back up the health service view in promoting evidence based medicine. To ensure that Australia is represented as a data group in research. To be considered a developing nation.
Cathryn Vaux	CRA	Company	Clinical trials give Australian patients the opportunity to access the latest advances in medicines and also provide medical practioners with opportunities for furthering their experience/training. Without clinical trials these opportunities are lost; in addition, the loss of medical professionals to overseas institutions as they seek further career opportunities not provided in the Australian healthcare setting.
Cecilia Chan	Data Manager	Public Sector	To develop new treatments for cure diseases or minimise suffering.

			To gain more knowledge to prevent diseases.
Chandima Kandegedara	Medical Officer	Public Sector	It is very important for the advancement of Medical science
Chantelle Vornfett	Payroll	General Public	Choice
Cherie Mason	Registered Nurse/Study Co-ordinator	Public Sector	Access to life saving treatment otherwise not available to our patients. Job opportunities and job satisfaction.
Cheryl Lennon	Clinical Trials Co-ordinator	Non-Commercial	For drugs to be registered they should be tested in a variety of countries enrolling participants from different ethic backgrounds. The data should be of high quality and this then gives researchers the knowledge, and assurance that the information collected is non-biased and reputable.
Chris Bowden	Director, Client Services	General Public	I feel it is important that Australians are exposed to the latest medical treatments, and that our Doctors are familiar with these.
Chris Del Mar	Dean	Non-Commercial; Consumer/ Patient Advocate; Potential volunteer	We need the information to make best clinical decisions
Chris Pond	Electrician	General Public	To help those in need, a very important service to help people.
Christine Cocks	Nurse Researcher	Public Sector	Allow Australians to participate in trials so they may access unavailable drugs earlier. My experience is that participants either want to have the chance of accessing medication or, more likely, assist future patients to get such drugs by participating in trials. Participation in clinical trials is good for hospital staff. It educates them about changes in drug therapies and assists in creating enthusiasm to be involved in ground-breaking activities such as clinical trials.
Ciaran Cryan	Self employed	General Public	My wife gets to keep her job in clinical research. She is exceptionally good at what she does. She is the main bread winner in our home.
Colin Andrew Stein	Tug Engineer	Potential volunteer; General Public	Research by clinical trials leads to further development and a resultant by testing , monitoring of the trial which is important in finding cures now or in the future.
Colleen Johnston	Clinical Trials Coordinator	Non-commercial	I believe that it is through Clinical Trials that we are improving the standard of care of all patients at the hospital I work at. Australia should be at the cutting edge of research in order to attract quality doctors and improve patient outcomes. Flow on effects such as better documentation in charts is also important.
Courtney Butler	Clinical Trials Manager	Supplier	My job would not exist if it werent for clinical trials being run in Australia.
Curtin University	Professor	Public Sector; Potential volunteer	Access to new treatments Development of research capacity Facilitate income to Australia Maintain Australia's profile
Daisy De	Clinical Research	Company	Without trials, patients in our country will have limited access to vital new medicines and treatments that may assist in saving their lives

Windt	Associate		or enhancing their quality of life. We can't let that go.
Danielle Ryan	Physiotherapist	Public Sector	Because Australian clinical trials reflect the Australian community and its specific needs. Clinical trials also provide the professional community with career paths, stimulation and workplace satisfaction.
Danita Kapp	Clinical Research Coordinator	Public Sector	More treatment choices for patients. Patients have access to a novel drug or new treatment regimen at the same time as 'the rest of the world'. As a first world country with the ability to provide more than adequate health care to its population, Australian health care would look rather inferior if there is not even a choice for a patient to participate in a clinical trial. Possibility that Australia will loose top medical consultants to other countries if these people can't persue their interests in participating as a investigator in a clinical trial.
Darlene Brownrigg	Unemployed	General Public	It's important because i need stem cells in Australia.
Darralyn Loo	Retired	Potential volunteer; General Public	I believe that all nationalities react differently to medications etc as they are spread all over the world re: different climates, circumstances etc also possible reactions. Keeping trials in Australia would show us as a nation what our results would be. In Australia we have a huge variety of ethnic persuasion so I feel that there is no need to go elsewhere to search for people to participate in clinical trials, the feedback back would give you many many different views.
Darren Freeman	Research and Development	Company	Australia should attract clinical trials so that Australians can have access to the latest advances in medicine. Otherwise, the small size of our market makes our country a low priority in seeking marketing approval once the sponsors start making money from their creation. By running the trials here, we automatically have the infrastructure and the medical professionals who can teach their colleagues about these techniques once they are approved. This helps to overcome the barrier of distance from the rest of the world, which can so easily see us miss out on the latest that medicine has to offer.
Darryl Carrington	Clinical Research Manager	Company	To ensure access to unapproved drugs for patients with an unmet medical need.
David Addison	Event Director Pharma Events	Supplier	We organise investigator meetings for local and international clients, therefore we have a fiscal incentive for clinical trials to be run in Australia. Clinical research performed in Australia is recognised as high quality, efficient and timely despite the relatively small population. We export the results to international companies therefore it should be recognised as an important export earner.
David Goldstein	Senior Staff Specialist	Non-commercial; Supplier	They help my patients get access to new therapies; They help ensure a higher standard of care; They help make our treatments more efficient and cost effective.
David Johnson	Director of Nephrology	Public Sector	Trials are of enormous benefit to patients as a result of enhancing medical knowledge and treatment, allowing patients early access to new therapies and improving clinical outcomes. They also help to foster a continuous quality improvement culture in the healthcare setting and enhance training for doctors. Advances in medicine are not possible without the undertaking of high quality trials.
David Taylor	President Haemophilia Foundation NSW	Consumer/Patient Advocate	Having access to trials and eventually new treatments is a vital part of the Australian landscape - the lucky country!
Dawn Tuften	Home Duties	Consumer/Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	Australia has a diverse ethnic mix. It is important that Australia is at the forefront of medical technology.
Debbie Henry	Taxation Dept Call Centre	Public sector: General Public	We are losing all our industries overseas, then we become dependent on other countries for our day to day lives. With medical research and clinical trials we need to keep our research in Australia , run to our standards so we can depend on the results to develop medication to our high standards, not done to a budget. We would also lose qualified people overseas .

Deborah Howell	Clinical Trials Program Manager	Non-Commercial	Cancer patients and their families are actively seeking out better treatments and hoping for cure or at the very least, a better quality of life. We are changing the standard of care and saving lives due to the knowledge gained from clinical trials over time. We know that clinical trials lead to advances in cancer treatment, which may become the future standard care. Many clinical trial participants may be the first to receive new treatments before they are widely available. Cancer Council Victoria considers it is vitally important for patients to have access to clinical trials.
Debra Cook	Project Manager	Supplier	Continued clinical trials in Australia will give patients and opportunity to receive drugs that may not normally be available to them their participation supports research & development for treatments of disease and is of value to whole human population. Australia's presence in clinical trials assist with global recognition of our expertise and high calibre health professionals and key opinion leaders however Australian sites/institutions need to recognise that the high fees requested on top of investigator grants is undermining Australia's competitiveness in this region
Deidre Rennick	Research Unit Manager	Non Commercial	As a regional trials centre we are providing rural and regional patients access to treatment options through the provision of clinical trials. Rural and regional patients statistically have poorer outcomes after a diagnosis of cancer than metropolitan patients. I believe that we are improving the outcomes for these patients through the provision of clinical trials.
Deirdre Maccoy	Mother	Potential volunteer	I have MS, and I believe that it is important that clinic trials are held where ever people are affected. In Australia, the trials are able to have a larger cross section of society, and diseases know no social bounds, not only are the poor affected and the trials need to include people who have access to medication and healthy lifestyles.
Diane Tran	Project Manager	Supplier	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical trials provide additional treatment options to both doctors and patients which would not be available otherwise. Doctors and patients are provided with first-hand access to the latest technologies, medicines and information. 2. Australian doctors and clinical reseach industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are provided the opportunity to be in the forefront of medical development in a global setting, alongside the US, UK and Europe - are seen as global leaders in medical research and development - represent the interests of the Australian patients on a global stage 3. The clinical trials industry provides a wealth of job opportunities to many talented Australians and contributes positively to the economy.
Dianne Kennedy	Nutrition Assistant	Public sector; Potential volunteer	I have a professional and personal interest in supporting more clinical trials being made available in Australia.
Dimitar Sajkov	Thoracic Specialist	Public Sector	To maintain clinical trials expertise; allow access to new drugs and treatments
Edith Cinc	Research Nurse	Public Sector	To offer all potential patients the opportunity to receive novel agents, particularly in diseases where current approved treatments are not very effective.
Dr Edith Weisberg	Director of Research	Non-Commercial; Public Sector; Supplier	it is important that data on new therapeutic agents are tested on our population as the results may differ from other groups. It is important to maintain clinical trial skills in Australia by encouraging the inclusion of Australian sites in international research. Clinical trials for pharma companies also generate money to fund investigator initiated clinical trials in Australia in important areas not covered in international trials but which answer questions of clinical significance locally.
Edmund Barton	Retired	Retired General Public; Potential volunteer	EnhancesAustralia's reputation and ability to undertake research in the medical field
Elaine Unwin	Project Team Leader	Company; Consumer/Patient Advocate;	We have some of the top researchers in the world in Australia with years of experience in ICH GCP research. It also gives us access to new drugs/ treatments in a multicultural society.

		Potential volunteer	
Elizabeth Daisy Gannon	Unemployed/Traveller	Potential volunteer	I think it is important, as it should be in every country for medical trials to continue so that medical development is not stalled and doctors and scientists continue to learn and build resources.
Elizabeth Heyer	Clinical Trials Coordinator	Public Sector	I believe every health care consumer has the right to access the best practice medicine has to offer, and part of achieving this it is vital to conduct reliable and efficient clinical trials in Australia. Our citizens have different factors affecting their illnesses (lifestyle, income, environment, etc) than people of other countries and it is vital that Australians are included in this research, as well as having the opportunity to access new treatments.
Elizabeth Wilkinson	Contracts Manager	Supplier	It's important to me for several reasons, firstly that we have the avenue for our public to access clinical trials for treatment, secondly that we as a country can offer excellent clinical trial facilities and data, thirdly it provides employment.
Emile Brys	Business Development	Supplier	First and foremost to allow patients access to the most advanced therapies in development, as well as to ensure the supporting clinical trial industry remains viable in this country.
Erika Tapp	Clinical trial coordinator/ registered nurse / diabetes educator	Public Sector; Potential volunteer; General Public	People on clinical trials are provided not only with access to medications not yet available, but also a lot of support and education through the trial. Visits are regular and the medical support is thorough. A lot of people in the community are lost and not being provided with the information and encouragement they need to manage their chronic disease, like diabetes. Some people are in a situation where their only next option is palliative care and there is no hope being offered. Clinical trials provide this support and hope and also potentially a clinical benefit.
Erin King	Study Coordinator, CMAX	Company	
Fabio Romero	Clinical Research Associate II	Company	It is important to bring new drugs more effective for several therapeutic areas to Australia population.
Dr Fatiha Arhbal	General Practitioner	Primary Care	So that patients can have access to new and innovative therapies.
Felicity Wilson	Clinical Trial Monitor	Company	Australia produces high quality data and has a very experienced and reputable industry as well as talent and knowledge base - it would be a great shame to loose for all involved. Many patients will not be able to get access to new treatments that may save their lives due to the trials not being run here as well once registered due to many doctors not prescribing meds that they are not familiar with.
Finlay Macrae	Head. Colorectal Medicine and Genetics	Public Sector; General Public	This is the only way to separate alternate medicine from mainstram medicine. The latter should be supported, the former not publicly supported. The more the former can move to the latter through clinical trials, the better for everyone.
Frances Stein	Cook/Support worker	Public Sector; Potential volunteer; General Public	People need to be aware that there is a choice out there, that they are in control of their health needs and that they don't just have to trust and believe their doctor's advice, there may be an alternative to their needs. People should be able to access information and trials if they wish to.
Dr.Gangadhar Hotta	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	Every country has its own environment, climate and population. Considering all these factors the medicines were prescribed to the patients or medicines were survived in the market. So without giving Clinical trial for new medicine in a country a medicine can not be entered to country for prescribing to the patients in that same country and Australia can not be move many years with already exist medicines. So it is necessary of the Govt. to provide the base of clinical trial in Australia.
Garry Adams	Exploration	General Public	It would benefit all Australians and we would get first use of any new treatment.

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Gary McNicol	Sub-Regional Head, LSFR, Asia-Pac	Supplier	Jobs, health benefits to the community at large both tangible and intangible, maintaining intellectual property within Australia, maintaining Australia's standing in the medical community.
Genevieve McArthur	Senior Research Fellow	Non-Commercial	It is important to the Australian people that clinical trials are run in Australia because this provides early access to potentially important treatments to Australian patients, and because Australian researchers are properly educated in how to run clinical trials, and work in a system that enables them to be objective (i.e., they are less likely to be bought off by companies). The latter will ensure the integrity of the data which will avoid all the catastrophes that can occur if the data of clinical trials are invalid.
Dr George Margelis	Health Industry Manager for Intel Australia.	Company; Consumer/Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	Australia is in a unique position to influence the future of healthcare delivery due to its egalitarian structure. Clinical trials are a key part of this, and Australia's continued involvement is essential for us to maintain this status.
Georgia Whitman	Clinical Trials Nurse	Public Sector	High safety standards and accuracy of data collection is a major factor in the validity of Australian clinical trials research. We also need research that applies to an Australian population, with similar generic traits.
Geraldine Lee	Cardiac research nurse	Non-Commercial	Clinical trials are necessary if we are to fight both acute and chronic health problems and help progress treatment.
Gillian Melksham	Clinical Research Coordinator	Public Sector; Potential volunteer	<p>Clinical trials allow much needed and improved medications onto our PBS system. For some participants this is the only way that they can improve their health and well being. For many entering a clinical trial is there way of assisting their family and friends who may or may not contract their illness.</p> <p>Clinical trials in Australia keeps us up to date. Keeps many people including myself in a job. Is beneficial to the public. In our field it is often a quick way for a patient to be seen by a specialist. Please keep clinical trials in Australia. I believe that if the Govt., HREC's and sponsors got together to discuss some of the problems such as the length of time to approve a trial through HREC etc. then a lot of issues could potentially be sorted thus keeping Australia in good time frames with the rest of the world. Come on Australia lets do it for the patients.</p>
Gillian Melksham	Clinical Research/Trials Coordinator	Non-Commercial; Public Sector; Potential volunteer	<p>Firstly, as I work in the area job security would be the most important. Secondly, these trials are extremely important to our patients. For some it is the only hope. For others being in a trial has the ulturistic approach to help their family and friends and the general population.</p> <p>We need to keep clinical trials going or else we could end up along the lines health wise of some of the third world countries.</p>
Gillian Waddell	Retired	Formerly in clinical research	Without clinical trials in Australia, the country will lose valuable revenue. (Other countries such as Korea and Singapore are actively encouraging clinical research because of the income stream it provides. Our government seems to be oblivious to the consequences). Patients will lose access to new products. Research will diminish as specialists will no longer be able to try new products before they come to the market
Glenis Eagle	Public Servant	Public Sector	Maintenance of integrity, access to Australian run trials for Australian citizens, ensure continuance and development of cutting edge knowledge in Australia for the benefit of all.
Graeme Geoffrey Bird	Business Manager	Supplier	Australian patients should have access to the best health care innovation available. We are all potential patients and the loss of clinical research in the country will diminish the health care system over time. We would not want to become 'third world' in our health care system.

Graeme Lavery	Retired	General Public; Potential volunteer	I have had a prostatectomy operation but now have a rising PSA. Clinical trials in Australian of new drugs/procedures which may prove beneficial/ successful are absolutely essential to people like myself. They are also of great benefit to all Australians whose health is affected by other medical conditions which may be life threatening or having an extremely negative effect on quality of life.
Greg Roberts	Clinical Research Pharmacist	Public Sector	This ensures studies are run in high quality environments where everyone can be assured of quality data to enable accurate assessments to guide changes in clinical practice.
Hans Schneider	Director of Pathology and Physician	Supplier; Public Sector	Access to new treatments early. Local experience with new treatments as effects will be different in different healthcare settings. Gain experience early and make informed decisions regarding funding or not. Support local expertise in trials organisation/support.
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Hanumanthra o C Patil	QA-Manager	Supplier	Drug sensitivity, resistance and pharmacological action with reaction can be notified only if trials are been conducted in respective country population. otherwise its not possible to predict the pK & pKd of the drug if the study is done on different community and used . Furthermore good to accept the fact rather than having excuse with relation to health safety and well-being of human life.
Dr Haydn Scott	Regional Clinical Director	Company	The development of new pharmaceuticals is a critical component of the Australian medical research effort. The economic, educational and social costs of the loss of this process to Australia will be of much greater significance than politicians or health bureaucrats foresee. For example this sector currently employs over 3000 graduates and post graduates on the industry or in the clinics. These people will take overseas positions. There would be numerous ripple effects throughout the economy.
Hazel Bourke	Clinical Trials Co-ordinator	Public Sector	Our patients need to benefit from research. Our research doctors are some of the best in the world and they need to run trials here in Australia
Heather Pamela McMinn	Clinical Services Manager	Public Sector	I believe it is important we have clinical trials that identify the specific settings and populations needs within Australia rather than appling knowledge gained from over seas. Clinicl Trials do provide valuable access to new treatments for Austalian populations and without these we are disadvantaging anyone living in Australia for whom a new treatment may be vital to health condition. We need local employment in this important industry as this can lead to valuable and innovatative research pertinent to local health needs.
Heidi Schuett	Regulatory Affairs	Public Sector	Australia has a sound regulatory system and is a leader in innovation of medical techniques which must be supported by medicines, both existing and new medicines. It's population deserve and need access to new treatments and conducting clinical trials in Australia opens up the possibility for patients suffering from disease to get access to medicines otherwise not available to them and possibly saving their life. Our people deserve to have that opportunity. There is currently a lot of expertise within the medical community in conducting CT's and this expertise must be build upon and not permitted to be reduced or lost.
Helen Branagan	Research Nurse	Public Sector	
Hung Duong	Clinical Data Associate	Supplier	Allow people to gain access to new treatment which may benefit their condition; researching for new potential drug to help cure diseases; introduce more public awareness of what has been investigated/researched; create more job potential in Australia; assist in new breakthrough by introducing Australian made products.
Professor Ian Jacobs	Professor in Emergency Medicine	Public Sector	The substantial proportion of current clinical therapies are unproven by any robust clinical trial evidence. Some may be beneficial, some do nothing and others may be harmful. Clinical trials are the only way we can establish efficacy and effectiveness of current unproven and new therapies.

Ian McDermott	Director	Supplier	Australia is not "like America" so local clinical trials are important, it keeps clinical trial talent in Australia and adds value to the approval process which is vital to brand success.
Ingrid Goldman	Clinical Supplies Manager	Company	Increased options and better outcomes for patients. Familiarising physicians with the latest options, and possibly stimulating further local research.
Jacqui McBurnie	Research Nurse	Non-Commercial	Clinical trials give patients access to unfunded or unapproved drugs that have proven clinical benefit from previous clinical trials. It is another option for patients that may otherwise have no further treatment options available to them.
Jamie Cromer	Clinical Research Team Leader	Company; General Public; Potential Volunteer	Access to new medications. Important industry that offers significant employment.
Jane Fisher	Clinical Scientist	Company	Clinical trials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide access for patients to new treatments before they are widely available - May fill a gap when no other treatment is available - Add to Australias' reputation as world leader in science and medicine - Provide opportunities for our specialists to use/learn about cutting edge therapies - Provides employment opportunities
Jane Gaunson	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Company	Allow patients to access new medicines where there is an unmet need, support research and jobs in Australia.
Jane Hingley	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Company	Clinical Trials are of viatal importance in Australia as it allows our patients to have access to drugs at an earlier stage of the development process and gives our research staff at the hospitals where these are run excellent opportunities to be involved in this development process.
Jane Kelly	General Manager, CMAX	Company	Income-generation, job creation and retention, retention of specialised skills, faster availability of medicines to Australians
A/Prof Jane M Andrews	Specialist Physician & Researcher	Public Sector	To maintain Australians' access to new & evolving treatments via trials and to keep Australian medicine in touch with new developments internationally
Jane Reid	Currently not working	General Public	There is much to be lost if clinical research declines in Australia, not the least of which are the benefits to Australian patients, our healthcare system, jobs, and Australia's reputation for medical research.
Dr Janelle Bowden	Managing Director, AccessCR Pty Ltd	Supplier; Potential volunteer	As a trained scientist, clinical research provides the opportunity for me to be involved in the testing and translation of ideas, whether new methods, devices, treatments, etc, into meaningful outcomes for patients. If the environment is not conducive to clinical trials, and I want to remain involved in this type of research, I will be left with no option than to move overseas to develop my career. As a healthcare consumer, I want to know that I have access to the best doctors and available treatments. In some cases, those treatment are initially only available through participation in clinical trials. I believe clinical trials provide for patients a more meaningful involvement in their treatment, and greater engagement with the very best, enquiring doctors and research. If clinical trials disappear, I believe the following are at risk: 1. Patient choice: Participation in clinical trials is always a voluntary choice, but may be the only option for some patients. Do we really want to have to go to India, China, US, Europe, etc to get access to trials? 2. Quality of healthcare/Patient outcomes. Evidence suggests patients receiving treatment in organisations with a research culture have better outcomes across the board, not just for those patients involved in research. 3. Research funding. Industry funded research indirectly supports researcher-driven research through the funding/equipment/resources it provides. 4. Decreased career

			optionsIncreased brain-drain. Without the opportunity to be involved in cutting-edge research locally, scientists, researchers and/or doctors may find overseas opportunities more attractive. 5. Speed of access to new treatments.
Janet L Wale	Convenor Cochrane Consumer Network	Consumer / Patient Advocate	To strengthen the evidence base for healthcare interventions as used in Australia AND to educate and inform our healthcare providers about the need for evidence. it is only in being involved in clinical trials themselves will they really understand the importance - and be able to communicate well internationally from a knowledge base.
Janice Weeks	Clinical research nurse	Non- Commercial	To improve cancer outcomes. To give Australian patients the opportunity to participate in new and/or ground breaking treatments. Australia has a very good reputation for clinical research so we don't want to become a back water.
Jason Hepple	Explosive Ordenance Officer	Potential volunteer; General Public	Because it will all go overseas.
Jason Vuong	Clinical Research Associate	Company	It provides patient access to new medicines, maintains a professional industry in Australia which supports numerous jobs, and ads interest and value to GPs and specialists.
Jeanette Anne Birtles	Personal Assistant	Research Institute	When new treatments are discovered even obviously successful ones have to go through the clinical trial process which, although necessary, can delay access to life-saving treatment. Many people would choose to take the risk of participating in a clinical trial when they have little to lose. I would like clinical trials to be available here in Australia so they are available to all here regardless of their financial advantage or disadvantage.
Jeff Coombes	A/Prof	Non- commercial	Clinical Trials are the best way to investigate the efficacy and safety of new treatments.
Jeffrey Robert Madsen	Technical Administration co-ordinator	Public Sector	Australia is a leading research country and should be encouraged to keep the knowledge and expand knowledge within Australia.
Jeffrey Szer	Clinical Haematologist	Public Sector	Clinical trial activity improves the overall quality of care delivered to patients with haematologic diseases. Australia's input to clinical trials has always been of the highest quality and held in the highest regard. This should not be lost.
Jennifer Hunt	RN research coordinator	Public sector	Clinical trials in Australia are conducted at a high world standard ensuring safe practices, quality outcomes and clinical advancement.
Jennifer Thompson	Trial Coordinator	Non- Commercial	To continue to provide opportunities for our citizens to access innovative treatments as early as possible, particularly in the area of oncology treatment.
Jenny McGrath	Clinical Research Coordinator	Non- Commercial; Public Sector	Cutting edge research is vital to sustain other associated professions. Patients have an opportunity to test products that would otherwise not be available. Clinicians and other healthcare professionals have access to new novel products. Clinical trials supports many other healthcare centres such as labs, in ward research and funding for ongoing education. Quality of research undertaken in Australia is second to none. Passionate, enthusiastic and highly trained clinical staff provide outstanding support and education to those who participate. (I could go on and on and on....)
Jenny Osmond	Clinical Trials Co- ordinator	Public Sector; Nurse	If we don't have research we don't have progress. Look at what a difference it will make to hospital funds, patient care and patient's life style when we at last have a drug to replace warfarin! Plus, I would like to work for just a little longer.
Jeny Paul	Clinical Research Associate	Company; Supplier	Benefits to Australian patients, our healthcare system, jobs, and Australia's reputation for medical research.

Jess Ruddy	Country Clinical Trial Assistant	Company; General Public	To help people who are sick, and give them a chance to get treatment and experiment with new drugs for the future.
Jessica	Student	Medical Student; Potential volunteer	Because we have a more then capable health care cohort and deserve the opportunity to trial and use the best medical treatments available at the earliest opportunity without the need to travel overseas to do so.
Jian Xu	Senior CRA	Company	Patients with access to trial drugs will have a better chance to reach a cure, to hold the disease progression and to improve the quality of life.
Jo Nandkumar	Clinical Research Nurse	Public Sector	Australia is pivitol in providing accurate data in many research Studies, making the results powerful.
Joan Cleary	Mother/Housewife	General Public	Important for our generation and future generations of Australia.
Joan Torony	Manager Clinical Research	Non-Commercial	The development of potetnial life saving drugs and devices to the Australain public is crucial. Without research we do not develop and move forward in this area and the rest of the world will leave us behind. Australians and our government need to relaize research is for the advancement of the whole nation both in scientific research and financially.
Joanne Morgan	Clinical Trials Nurse	Public Sector	To allow Australians the opportunity to participate in clinical trials and have access to new innovations in health care.
Jody Ngui	clinical trials coordinator / manager	Public Sector	Recognition to Australia in general but also to the sites performing the trial. New intervention treatments for disease helps our population as well. Also the population genetically is different. As a bias I feel the data is more accurate and attention to detail is more efficient. Enables continuation of employment.
John Barlow	Director, Laboratory Services	Non-Commercial; Supplier	Clinical trials are the final step in translating basic science discoveries into improvements in healthcare. Australia, at the forefront of biomedical research should also have a strong clinical trials industry to ensure discoveries made here are translated correctly, are for the benefit of Australians, and preserve the world view of Australia as a leader in improving the health of people everywhere.
John Ng	pHD student	PhD Student	I make up a large population of students, undergraduates and postgraduates who are in this industry. For clinical trials to shut down, hundreds of thousands of new skilled graduates will be left with no jobs, and go overseas, and then decrease the skilled workforce in Australia.
John Peter Antonievich	Company Director	Potential volunteer; General Public	Because there doesn't appear to be any such trials being conducted in New Zealand and I do wish to partake in any forthcoming trials as my condition is critical now.
John Peter Stein	Managing Director	General Public	I think that it is important that Australia be a leader medical research which is supported and tested by trials, and also helps future generations.
Jon Foote	IT&T Manager	Supplier	To allow treaments to be tested against a relevant population base under local conditions and locally based staff.
Jose Machado	Admin Officer	Public Sector	For the accessability, research advancements, availability of treatments and choice of treatments that suit each person
Joseph Jeffries	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	2 reasons. (1) Clinical trials fund my ongoing employment. (2) Having worked directly with cancer patients involved in clinical trials, this is, for some of them, their only treatment option.
Joy F Saker	Retired	Potential volunteer;	In solving the ills of the world, it is important to have as many minds on the problem as possible, and to deprive the world of the use of the fine minds we have in Australia, and thus delay finding the solutions that will benefit the whole world, would be immoral. Clinical

		General Public	trials are a necessary part of research.
Joy Watson	Retired	Potential volunteer	Sounds like a good idea
Judy Nunn	Clinical Nurse	Public Sector	To continue our development in the health sector and to be recognised as an instrumental country in the forefront of developing new technologies in health and to show our progressive ability as a nation.
Judy Stone, MD	MD and Physician Investigator	Primary Care	It's critical in helping develop new treatments, helping patients get access to new therapies earlier (which has saved many of my patient's lives), and providing education and research opportunities for Australian scientists. I've long promoted participating in clinical research as an investigator (or career) as well as encouraging public participation.
Julie McMahon	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Public Sector	I have been running Clinical Trials during the last 4 years and have seen an increase in participants in developing Countries and am greatly concerned with the data that is being obtained. How accurate is it and also how relevant to the Australian population is it? If Clinical Trials cease being run in Australia that would limit treatment to those patients who have exhausted all current treatments and their only option are new drugs being trialed. Australia produces clean data and it seems shortsighted to produce substandard data from other countries just to save money.
Karelle Healey	Revenue Strategist	General Public	Australia has had historical success in pioneering medical research and discovery. This is a position in the world that we should not lose. A strong commitment will attract qualified personnel and investment into our country.
Karen	Consultant	Supplier	The importance of running good quality clinical trials is vital for society. There is still alot of research to be done in the development of new drugs to cure diseases like cancer, diabetes and heart disease. There is a wide pool of talented and passionate clinical research professionals whose contribution should not be taken for granted. Let's not waste our valuable resources!
Karen Detering	Physician	Public Sector; Consumer/ Patient Advocate; Potential Volunteer; General Public	Clinical trials are important to gain knowledge and allow new developments in medications/devices to occur. It is essential that they are conducted on a variety of patient groups, and cover all different ethnic groups. There are a number of benefits for people who actually participate in trials. Australia also has a large quantity of experience and interested clinical researchers who are of a very high standard. Thus it is critical that trials continue to run within Australia.
Karen Trenorden	Clinical Trial Coordinator / Research Nurse	Public Sector	Research and the valuable results of our research provide hope, cures, treatments, answers, guidance amongst many other important things. People involved in Research, whether the researchers or patients, generally do so because they believe in giving something to their community.
Kate Beard	Clinical Project Manager	Company	There has been much work over the past 20 or so years to establish a world class pharma industry in Australia. The current government should continue to recognise and respond to the growing health care needs around the world, how clinical trials are a vital step in producing effective health care and the benefit to the Australian economy if we can continue to carry out world-class research. Many jobs will be lost to start with but also, without the knowledge and processes in place, the effects will be felt right back to the scientists and biochemists working at the bench, developing world-class research and therapeutic products. They will be forced off-shore to progress their research. This is costly but also will mean both the IP and the talent will end up off-shore with no benefit to Australia.
Kate Beard	Clinical Project Manager	Supplier	To keep investment coming to Australia and to keep Australia at the forefront of medical knowledge and technology.
Kate Day	Student	Potential volunteer; General Public	As long as they are relevant then it is just fantastic. I support clinical trials because they help us to better understand our world. I admire the goal to improve our future children's quality of life!

Kate Deighton	Study Co-ordinator	Public Sector	
Kate Levett	Clinical Trials Coordinator	Non-commercial; Public Sector	Australia provides good quality, generalisable population research that is noted for its ethical integrity and high standard. It is an important type of research, and Australia has world leaders in some areas. It is important for clinicians in general to be involved in multi-centre trials as part of their general medical training, and to introduce nursing and midwifery staff to the research principles that guide clinical practice and review. Principles of epidemiology and ethical conduct are important components of training for all medical and allied health staff. Clinical trials processes enable practitioners to lead their own single site trials in order to properly question traditional practices, demonstrate leadership, and provide meaningful data and results for their managers.
Kate Strang	Marketing and Communications Officer	Non-Commercial	Quality of research, superior management of trials, excellence in compliance, ethics, etc.
Kathleen Kent	Clerical	General Public	Australia have a stringent set of rules that apply and I feel that the trials would be more reliable and believable. It provides jobs here also and gives sick people the opportunity to test new drugs on a trial that may help them and they may otherwise never have access to.
Kathryn Jane Phillips	Home Duties	Consumer / Patient Advocate; Potential volunteer; General Public	I was diagnosed with polycythemia 20 yrs ago and believe my illness was rare in the young and most common in men over 50. I was eighteen when diagnosed and trialed Interferon for Polycythemia patients when I was 20yrs. I have experienced positive outcomes from clinical trials and hope that they continue.
Katie Viviers	General Manager	Supplier; Consumer/Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	We want to maintain Australia's profile in the development of safe and effective treatments. Clinical trials run in Australia provide patients with an opportunity to participate in trials that may help their health or quality of life. Clinical trials are a large industry creating thousands of jobs.
Katrina Campion	Senior Clinical Research	Company	Access to new innovative medicines Employment for many, many people Maintains Aust reputation at forefront of med/sci research
Kay Cadzow	Administration	Public Sector; Potential volunteer	I suffer from chronic migraines - averaging 1 per week. I have tried everything available, but without success. I am hoping someone will come up with a treatment that will get my life back on track. I would not be able to travel overseas for any trials.
Kayleen Charles	Clinical Trials Co-ordinator	Public Sector	1) To enable patients access to the latest therapeutic agents. 2) For some patients allow access to treatment which would otherwise not be available to them. 3) To promote areas of excellence and advance the opportunities for the treatment and management of disorders. 4) To provide a stimulating work environment for clinicians and researchers. 5) Attract and retain medical staff in the future. 6) Being a part of a wider network in Australia and internationally benefits the hospital and staff. 7) Creates employment opportunities for Australian workers
Kelvin Edward	Company Director	Supplier;	Clinical trials provide the community with the latest technologies and increases the experience of clinicians. In particular they have

Hopper		Potential volunteer	immeasurable benefit to patients in making available cutting edge treatments and high level patient monitoring. Trials are done by people we trust and know. Local trials are essential for the local pharma and biotech industries in having trial centres able to handle new treatments in patients. There is a huge benefit in expertise and reduced cost to these companies if trials are done in Australia.
Kendal Chidwick	Medical Affairs	Company	Australia is a sophisticated market, often at the forefront of medical practice, and this is in part due to Australian physicians and researchers taking part in research and being exposed to the latest practice. To take this away could be very detrimental! Not only will saving clinical trials in Australia, make Australia an attractive place for the best clinicians to work, more jobs are created and it means Australian patients can access medicines in trials as early as patients in the rest of the world... and don't we deserve that too?
Kerrie Joy Cleary	Retired	General Public; Potential volunteer	It is important that trials are conducted in Australia so that we keep our talented researchers and have quicker access to their results conducted under Australian conditions.
Kerry Kristaly	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Public Sector	How else do we get new drugs onto the market? Australian researchers produce high quality data from clinical trials. Trial research also provides an opportunity for the unwell population to access new treatments at no cost to the patient, with potential positive outcomes. Realistically and generally our population is far better treated in relation to illness than in other countries. However we still need to contribute to global research and not have the US and European countries attempt to make all our health decisions.
Kerry Kyriacou	Accountant	General Public	To improve the well being of all Australians
Kim Smith	Early Childhood Teacher	General Public; Consumer / Patient Advocate; Potential Volunteer	I have a rare medical condition called Trigeminal Neuralgia and am a member of the Trigeminal Neuralgia Association Australia and it's Sydney Support Group. Sufferers of this condition endure excruciating pain in the face just by doing normal everyday actions such as eating, talking, swallowing smiling, brushing teeth. We rely on medications which are generally meant for other conditions such as Epilepsy, so any research into better medications can really assist us. Most medications come with fairly intolerable side effects and we tend to require higher doses as the condition progresses with age. Our medications are also generally very expensive. We can do with any help available.
Kirsten Koh	Research Assistant/Academic	Non-Commercial; Public Sector; Potential Volunteer	Australia has been a world leader in health related R & D. Continuing such research will not only maintain Australia's reputation in the health industry, it would also build on the current best practices that has been the result of past research findings. To lose this foothold in the research world would be a shame.
Koula Lee	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	Patient access to medicines, local research opportunities, high quality trials, we have good quality people which we do not want to lose to overseas due to lack of research opportunity locally.
Krishnampharmacy	Bioequivalence	Company; Non-Commercial; General Public; Potential Volunteer; Supplier	Bioequivalence
Kristin Marie Simmons	Mother/Wife	General Public	Australians deserve fair access to clinical trials and new medical treatments without having to travel overseas!
Kylie Hurst	Clinical Research & Data Manager	Public Sector	The Australian population represent a unique demographic for clinical trials. Australia will most definitely be left behind and therefore lessen the credibility of individual research projects that have potential to make enormous impact on health outcomes worldwide.
Larnie	Senior Clinical	Supplier	Why should the Australian public be disadvantaged by not having the access to the most up to date research to treat their diseases.

Morrison	Research Associate		Australia is producing clean and reliable data that is no doubt bringing compounds to life.
Laura Newey	Clinical Research Associate	Company	Delivering new treatments to patients, plus my career.
Leanne Shields	Clinical Compliance Manager, Institute for Eye Research	Non Commercial	Job security, early access for Australians to innovative therapies, avoidance of 'brain drain' - we want to be known as more than just the lucky country...we need to maintain 'smarts' as well or we won't be so lucky, and our science industry will disappear. Consumer confidence - people like it when they know the medicines they are taking have been tested locally - some will not be happy if data is predominantly generated in Asia as many consumers still don't trust standards; Patient access to optional therapies they wouldn't be able to access otherwise; Balanced data - relying on developing countries may potentially skew data in terms of safety and efficacy due to event reporting, compliance etc
Lee-Anne Faraguna	Clinical Trials Manager	Public Sector	This industry provides employment for many people in Australia directly and indirectly and is a growth industry that at present is growing at phenomenal rates in China and India. In Australia we are known for our high standard of data collection but are having difficulty competing with the new markets in Asia and India who have much larger populations. Clinical trials allow us access to medication for patients who are not benefiting with the medication that is presently on the market.
Lekshmy Shanker	Project Coordinator	Non-Commercial	The assurance that clinical trials conducted within Australia are monitored and regulated more stringently than in some of the developing countries, and many Australians could miss out on life saving drugs prior to its release for public use. Then there is the job issue.
Lesley Niven	Manager	Supplier	Because both my partner and I work in this industry.
Lewis Davies	Tradie	Potential volunteer	Clinical trials offer big cash cheques for participation and losing them would be cutting off a vital lifeline for students, single dads, backpackers and bums.
Lewis Donovan	Volunteer	Potential volunteer	To ensure that Australians get the earliest possible access to new and developing treatments.
Lidia Bonazza	Personal Trainer	Public Sector; Potential volunteer	I am a student wanting to learn more so I can help those in need, findings from clinical trials encompass a large part of my learning. I hope that new treatments will be made available to any Australian affected by illness.
Linda Capse	Client Services Director	Supplier; Potential volunteer	To maintain broad global representation of clinical trial populations
Linda Chung	Clinical Trials Assistant	Company; Consumer / Patient Advocate; Potential Volunteer	To maintain and upbuild the healthcare systems in Australia and bring general awareness to the importance of medicines and clinical trials..also to develop my career in this area.
Lisa Dowdell	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Public Sector; Potential volunteer; General Public	For many of the patients attending our Liver Clinic for treatment where the standard of care treatment has failed or success may be limited, Clinical Trials give the opportunity of having a treatment that is successful. For some patients this may be their only chance of avoiding further complications of their disease leading to major surgery (transplantation) or ongoing intensive medical care.
Louise	Clinical Trial	Supplier	Australian jobs; access to novel therapeutic agents for patients; to have local support systems in place for development of Australian

Hayman	Project Manager		initiatives.
Luke Stacey	Clinical Research Associate	Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gets potential treatment options to patients earlier - Introduces doctors to new compounds early in their development - Makes use of the quality investigators, site and pharma staff we have in Australia - Keeps people employed - Keeps me employed
Lynda Shelley	Executive Director, Clinical Operations	Supplier	Clinical trials give patients access to cutting edge therapies that would otherwise not be available to them until many years into the future. Trial patients receive treatment and care that may otherwise fall to the public health sector to provide and pay for. The ability to participate in and contribute to high quality clinical research in their own country provides a positive incentive for physicians to continue practicing in Australia
Lynn Sartori	Scientific Affairs	Company	Whilst I work in the biopharmaceutical sector, clinical trials also have personal significance to me in that they gave my father in the UK an extra 6 years of life with advanced prostatic cancer. He would not have had these years if he had not participated in ground-breaking clinical research. Australia has world-class scientific capacity. Australians should accordingly be entitled to continue to access innovative, novel approaches that can make life-changing differences to both current and future patients.
M A pritchard	Principal triallist	Public Sector	Australia has a demonstrated excellence in trialist processes with a well regulated (govt / professional) and monitored industry. We have a professionally trained investigator / triallist workforce and the capacity to support and commercialize products. We also have an effective health /university/research institute system for significant capacity building collaborations and translation to patient care-outcome.
M Towns	Associate Director, CRA Development	Supplier	There is a good standard of clinical research in Australia and with costs of medicines and patient care on the rise, running trials in Australia keeps costs at a minimum for some and the opportunity to receive medication that may help with their disease that they would not otherwise have access to.
Madeline Smith	Consultant	General Public	To help people who have no other options
Mahesh Ponnamp	steward	Potential volunteer	Clinical trials bring a new drugs to the market, which benefits not only Australians to a larger extent, but to the population world over. Clinical trials bring better drugs and latest medical devices, which is pretty useful for the mankind and I want to contribute myself as much as possible for this cause.
Majella O'Leary	Clinical Project Manager	Company	I work in the area of Oncology and often drugs in the clinical trial process are the only remaining option for patients or they are too expensive to access due to lack of reimbursement via the PBS, so access via a clinical trial is the only avenue for them. Given the time it takes to get a product registered and then the uncertainty of reimbursement means access to clinical trials is vital for the Australian population to give them choices and possibly better outcomes. From an economic point of view, trials generate big revenue and provide employment to people who are passionate about what they do and to remove that would be a gross misfortune.
Marcus Clark	CEO	Non-Commercial	<p>To provide access to important treatments for patients</p> <p>To ensure Australia develops expertise and intellectual property in the the global drug development programs</p> <p>Provide ongoing employment to the health professionals in medical research</p>
Margot Reincastle	home management duties	General Public	Clinical trials in Australia would provide us as a patient to earlier access to new treatments in development and close medical attention. The patient would not have to travel overseas for access to new treatments being tested. Also for career opportunities for Australian scientists, medical and healthcare professionals.
Marian Bloomfield	Public health nurse	Public Sector	The quality of the research is of paramount importance and the research must be done ethically. The children of the future need to have the opportunity to participate in research projects in Australia in their professional lives, this will have a flow on effect in our Universities for the professionals conducting the research and students learning opportunities. Australia will also benefit economically in conducting the research implementing the results of the research in many different ways.

Marie Woodward	Retired	General Public	It would be such a shame that the professional people in our midst will be forced to go else where to continue their work.
Mark Glover	Managing Director	Company	To provide quality data that helps the medical intervention development process.
Martin Berry	Radiation Oncologist	Public Sector	They are an essential component of quality care for patients and good clinical practice.
Martin Buck	Medical Oncologist	Public Sector	Important to improve clinical skills and enable our patients to be exposed to the newest forms of treatment.
Mary Deam	n/a	Potential volunteer; General Public	So that research can be carried out on new treatments and Australians can benefit from the results without having to wait for results from other countries.
Meagan O'Donoghue	Domestic Engineer	General Public; Potential volunteer	We need the trials for the early development of medications in Australia. Not having trials here in Australia will mean average Australian residents are penalised by not having access to early release of the new products.
Meaghan Cook	Clinical Laboratory Coordinator	Supplier	Not only is the clinical trial industry important for the development of new, cheaper and more effective medicines and devices, but it puts Australia (and Queensland in particular) on the map in terms of innovation and clinical research. It is an important industry for our public health, healthcare providers, local pharmaceutical companies, local private and government laboratories, even courier companies providing pathology transport. This sector is vital to the community as a whole, and the economy of Australia.
Megan Gleeson	Business Development Manager, ClinicalTrialsNSW	Supplier; Potential volunteer	So our patients have access to new medications/ devices and our doctors will be keen to take them up as they become commercially available. The additional benefits from industry funded research such as training, employment and investment in Australia is also important.
Megan Phelps	Clinical Research Co-ordinator	Public Sector	To provide patients with the opprtunity to access new treatments. To ensure that clinical trials continue to be conducted at the highest standard, for which Australia is currently recognised. To ensure research in general is continued in Australia. To protect jobs for Australians.
Melanie Cromer	Accountant	General Public	Access to new medicines
Melanie Gentgall	Clinical Research Manager	Non Commercial	Clinical Research provides the backbone to innovation and information sharing to a broad community of health and other professionals. To ensure we can offer the the most advanced and proven therapies and practices to the public and to ensure we retain our highly skilled professionals, we must ensure the survival of clinical research in Australia. Integral to that is our strive to maintain the high standard of excellence in this field that Australia has demonstrated amongst our peers. Ongoing funding is required to ensure the ongoing success and growth within the global market.
Meldea Cabili	Clinical Research Coordinator	Company	Clinical trials will provide hope to several families who has a loved one afflicted with terminal illness. The information gained from this studies will benefit not only Australians but also other people from the rest of the world.
Melinda Wellard	Physical Education Teacher	Public Sector; Consumer/ Patient Advocate; Potential	I see the need for clinical trials to develop new products appropriate to the Australian lifestyle. My sister became a quadriplegic 4 years ago. I would like to be able to help in any way I could to assist with the development of new products in order to help improve the quality of life of many people. Our lifestyle is unique as are our people and we need to test these products in Australia.

		Volunteer; General Public	
Melissa Cohen	Consultant	Supplier	We can have more control over the research to ensure that it is being conducted properly.
Melissa Hagan	HREC Manager and Trainer	Supplier	I proudly* have worked in the clinical trials industry for 17 years. Australia benefits by being part of a global R&D community by gaining early access to new products and by learning from techniques or processes that are associated with commercial research. This allows for a cross pollination of ideas that only can improve all local R&D. It would sadden me if we missed the opportunity to participate in clinical development programs and just submitted regulatory applications to the TGA. If that happens, I believe patients and Medical Professionals would both lose. * I'm proud because we really do research well and can hold our heads high in the global arena.
Melissa Raymond	Physiotherapist	Public Sector	It is imperative that clinical trials are run in Australia to allow us to have external validity for interventions, improve health care for Australians
Michael Ball	Study Clinical Programmer	Company; General Public	We all need to be part of the solution. Keeping trials in Australia benefits us here and contributes globally.
Michael Cottell	Recruitment Supervisor CMAX	Company	
Michael Haller	Injured ex Police Officer	Potential volunteer	There needs to be a cure for cancer and also pain medication developed that is strong enough to counter the chronic pain without being addictive.
Michael Plit	Clinical Research Associate	Company	Research and new developments occurring in Australia will allow the country to capitalise on its well educated workforce, allowing our economy to diversify and grow
Michael Quinn	Professor	Public Sector	Australia has a strong international reputation in trial design and in running quality trial portfolios. There is good data which shows improved outcomes for cancer trial participants. New drug access is imperative for Australians and trials are one important mechanism to ensure this.
Michele Woodhouse	Project Manager	Supplier	Australia has excellent facilities and staff to run clinical trials. It gives Australian patients access to novel medicines, allowing them to benefit. It is good for our economy and gives a broad range of data when using many countries. Australia produces excellent standards in clinical research and this should be shared with the world.
Michelle Bradney	Regional Area Manager	Company	1. Australians / patients have access to cutting edge drug treatment / devices 2. Cost effective for patients and government 3. Australia plays an important and critical part of drug development and drug registrations 4. Employment of Australians (scientists, nurses, doctors, health care workers) 5. Education regarding new treatments and therefore improve health of the community 6. Patients benefit from the new treatments, increases knowledge of the disease in hope that it improves the health of all patients with that disease
Michelle Cybulski	Senior Data Research Data Manager	Non- Commercial	To support Australian jobs and to be able to contribute to research.
Michelle Stewart	Associate Director	Supplier	Clinical trials allow patients access to potentially lifesaving, new medications. Australia is home to many professionals with large amounts of valuable experience in clinical research and they have the ability to make a large contribution to global drug development. If the studies go elsewhere Australia's contribution will be limited and the expertise will be under-utilised.
Monique	Medical Writer	Supplier	Clinical trials offer a scientific way of testing new approaches to patient care whether it be via a new drugs or new technology. In this way,

Anderson			the standard of care continues to improve and therefore outcomes for patients continues to improve.
Nancy Olszewski	Clinical Trials Manager	Public Sector	Allows access to new and innovative therapy for patients.
Natalie Galbraith	Trial Coordinator	Non Commercial	To ensure that new treatments are available for our patients
Natalie Walka	Marketing & Business Consultant	Consumer/Patient Advocate	Because there are so many unfortunate people who need urgent treatment and are willing to enrol in clinical trials that would hopefully benefit themselves as well as generations to come.
Nick Karrasch	Managing Director	Supplier	To support the existing industry and jobs.
Nicole Fairweather	Clinical Research Coordinator	Company; Public Sector	It means that I have a job in an industry I love, that is ensuring that we do all we can to benefit our patients and offer them the highest quality care and treatments available.
Nicole Isabel	Nephrologist	Public Sector	The benefits are multiple. Australian patients get access to new and emerging therapies. Medical staff get experience in using new medications under conditions that are closely monitored. Conduct of research trials promotes a research culture and fosters investigator driven studies. It is an essential part of health care.
Nicole Raschke	Manager, Cancer Trials Network	Public Sector	It would be detrimental if Australia lost the capacity to participate in clinical trials, not only because of the obvious beneficial loss to the Australian patients, but also because of the affect it would have on our reputation. We currently have a good reputation of producing high quality work in clinical trials internationally and to lose that would be heart-breaking.
Nicole Workum	N/A	General Public	Australians should have access to new treatments at the earliest time possible. We need to retain high quality medical professionals in this country.
Noel Micallef	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Non-Commercial; Public Sector	Clinical Trials enable our patients to access important treatments that might otherwise be unavailable to them. If I were a patient, I would be very devastated if such treatment were unavailable in Australia.
P Witting	Lectuerer	Public Sector	Drug development for a wide range of diseases (with a focus on vascular) are important tools for researchers and the opportunity for researchers to interact with local clinical trials organisers is important for ongoing medical research.
Patricia Maxwell	Unemployed	Consumer/Patient Advocate	My father had a stroke in 2004 and has recently participated in a course of treatment with Botox which is showing early signs of giving him some more flexibility . We only heard about it when it became available on the PBS. Had he had access to clinical trials earlier, he may have been able to alleviate much of his physical deterioration in his left side of body spasm.
Patricia West	Retired	General Public	Australian Research teams have proven in the past to be way ahead on research from other countries and I believe it is important to continue clinical trials in Australia. The Federal Government needs to really get behind in securing this with their financial and encouraging support. Being an Australian, it would be wonderful to have early access to new treatments eg Australian Scientists were first in providing a vaccine for Swine Flu. Just one example why this issue is so important.
Patrick McGorry	Professor	Public Sector	We are better placed to conduct the key trials in mental health care esp young people
Patries Herst	Senior Lecturer University	Public Sector	Clinical trials provide a scientific basis for clinical practice and are the only way in which new treatments can be tested against the current gold standard. So far Australia has done very well especially in the area of radiation therapy (RT) for cancer patients. The Trans-Tasman Radiation Oncology Group (TROG) has been predominantly responsible for developing and overseeing most of the clinical trials that involve RT in Australia and NZ. To decrease the amount of funding available for organizations like this and clinical trials in particular would mean that Australia would loose any edge that it currently has in this field. A large affluent country like Australia has a responsibility to

			pull its weight in finding the best treatments for diseases that afflict the human race. Australian patients will of course be the ones that will benefit most.
Paul Avenell	AV Technician	Potential volunteer	That new medications are tested on Aussies and to boost the economy, The last trial I did payed for alot of my tattoo work!
Paul J Morris	Electrical Contracts Inspector	Public Sector	The benefits to all Australia's medical industry
Paul Kane	Lecturer	Public Sector	Clinical trials often require a local context before practitioners can seek to adopt new practices or treatments, this is not always possible when trials are run in another continent. There is a wealth of expertise and skill not being adequately utilised in the Australasian region, clinical trials are one way to remedy that. If clinical trials are being run in Australia there will be a more attractive research and study environment to both retain current investigators and to encourage those possessing shortfall skills to come from overseas.
Paul Lawrence	Team Leader	Potential volunteer	Firstly for easy verification of results. Secondly as a great opportunity for young Australian scientists. Thirdly to do our part in the global effort to improve the quality of human life. Why rely on others to take things to the next level.
Paul Summerville	Regulatory Publishing	Company	To keep the jobs in Australia
Paul Tanser	Cardiology consultant	Public Sector	Most of the important advances in medicine in the past 200 years have been discovered in Europe, Britain and the British Dominions, and North America. It is important that these countries which conduct ethical research remain at the forefront of medical research. Many "developing nations" do not historically have a strong base of ethical human research.
Pauline Ann Keays	Assistant Research Coordinor	Public Sector	I have been involved with clinical trials for the past 20 years, both at ward level as an RN and a study coordinator. As a result of several of the trials our hospital has been involved in, standards of treatment have improved markedly for cardiac patients. I feel it is imperative to keep clinical trials active in Australia, as it allows our patients to be involved at the forefront of cardiac care. By taking trials offshore, it would be disastrous, both in terms of losing very experienced researchers (both nursing and medical) and allowing Australian people to be involved in studies. These people get very close follow up throughout the trials, and often we are alerted to issues that need to be referred back to their GP or other services. There is also a close rapport developed between the patient, their partner and the research nurses.
Pauline Cahill	Research Coordinator	Public Sector	To continue Australia's involvement in developing new care for patients and to allow our patients access to this care
Peter Cleary	Product Development Manager	General Public	I see Clinical Trials lead to the enabling the Australian population essential access to medicines which save lives locally.
Peter James Gow	Clinical Associate Professor of Rheumatology	Public Sector	I am an active researcher in Auckland New Zealand. A significant number of patients with rheumatoid arthritis have had significant advantage from being enrolled in pharmaceutical trials, because of access to medications for which funding by PHARMAC is traditionally delayed for long periods after being available in other countries, including Australia. The performance of these trials has also increased the overall standard of care for RA patients, with reviews showing that most are on optimum therapy. If clinical trials are not done in Australia, New Zealand patients will also lose access to these trials, for which sponsors tend to take an Australasian perspective on determining trial sites
Peter Keller	CEO	Non-Commercial	It is important that Australian investigators are able to offer not yet approved therapies whihc may benefit their exisiting and future patients
Peter Midolo	Research	Public Sector	We coordinate clinical trials in Medical Oncology. These trials are an important and integrated part of best practise cancer care. Clinical

	Manager		trials in Oncology give cancer patients the opportunity to access treatments of the future for free and in the public setting are vital to improve survival outcomes.
Phillipa Freeman	Student	General Public; Potential volunteer	It is important that people in other countries are not exploited, and that research is conducted on Australians so we know it is relevant to us. I think Australian companies should also pass on opportunities and benefits of participating in clinical trials to Australians rather than simply thinking of the cheapest way to do it.
Pip Palmer	Clinical Research Manager	Company	Keeping clinical research in Australia is critical for a number of reasons: the availability of new compounds to patients with unmet needs; the generation of revenue and Australian jobs to support these activities; the considerable off-shore funds that are paid to our Health Institutions to conduct this work that in part, support local research activities; and lastly but not least, the fostering of a high standard of scientific enquiry and research expertise.
Prisca Lui Drysdale	Reg Affairs	Company	It allows patients to access new and unapproved drugs. Trials also gives treatment opportunities and exposure to new drugs to our doctors. Provides further employment and training to nurses, medical trainees and registrars.
Priscilla Lyon	Accounts clerk	Consumer / Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	To help improve diseases
Rachel March	Research Nurse/Manager	Non-Commercial	And New Zealand! All parts of the world need to be involved in clinical trials as the consumers of the end product come from all parts of the world. There is also a lot of expertise in the running of clinical trials in thei part of the world - I have been in my job for 21 years - and it would be a shame to lose those skills. Rachel
Rachel Smith	Professional Practice Fellow	Public Sector	Clinical trials are needed to advance treatments of diseases - especially cancer which is my area of interest. Australia needs to be part of this.
Rajesh Gaikwad	Assistant Project Manager	Supplier	My personal feeling is that Clinical Trials should boom in all the continents and human beings should be benefitted by Clinical Research and new drugs in market.
Raquel Suarez	Consultant	Supplier	I believe is an opportunity for Australia to support the sciencie and the development of new treatments for people around the world.
Rebecca Cassell	Helpdesk Consultant	Consumer / Patient Advocate; Potential volunteer; General Public	It provides the opportunity for people to access new treatments earlier and will contribute to the economy in Australia by bringing in revenue.
Rebecca Ryan	Clinical Research Associate	Company	There is much to be lost if clinical research declines in Australia, not the least of which are the benefits to Australian patients, our healthcare system, jobs, and Australia's reputation for medical research.
Regina Boyce	Clinical Trial Co-ordinator	Public Sector	Australian research is of a very high standard and conducted to "gold" ethical standards. It is important that the Australian people do not loose access to the amazing research opportunities that are available in Australia. It is also important that Clinical Trials are not permitted to be conducted in poor conditions or following poor ethical standards in countries like China and India where coercion may be an issue.
Richie So	Clinical Research	Company	To learn more about disease and work on cures.

	Associate		
Robert Heddle	Head of Clinical Immunology, RAH	Public Sector	This is a high skill activity that benefits patients by exposure to new developments but also because the knowledge and thorough clinical processes that are mandated in such trials promote medicine of the highest quality
Rod Taylor	Engineering / Trade	Public Sector; Genral Public; Consumer / Patient Advocate; Potential Volunteer	I'm concerned that there will be a downturn in research funding and opportunity for Australia to become leaders in the field of medical research. Also it concerns me that pharmaceutical companies may face less stringent evaluation/testing/auditing, falsify results and or buy approval in other poorer countries potentially allowing them to knowingly produce and market inferior or harmful products to patients in order to increase profit margins.
Ronald M Rapee	Professor and Director, Centre for Emotional Health	Non-Commercial	Australia is at the forefront of international development of treatment programs in a range of mental health areas. This world recognition is largely a product of the outstanding scientific evidence that has been gathered here over the past 20 years. Losing this scientific culture will mean worse mental health care for Australians and lack of respect in the scientific community.
Rupert Horry	Helpdesk Manager	General Public	So that Australia can make a meaningful impact to something that affects the whole world.
Russell Taylor	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	What you usually don't hear about in the news are the thousands of people who are helped each year because they decided to take part in a clinical trial. You also aren't likely to hear about the millions who will benefit from others' participation in clinical trials.
Ruth Toppler	Clinical trial coordinator	Non Commercial; Potential volunteer	To provide the Australian population access to new mediations, interventions and medical/surgical devices. To engage and retain translational and clinical researchers within the country. To develop further research capacity within our borders. To promote Australia's research credentials and profile beyond our shores. To increase national research-derived income.
Sarah Conaglen	Research Optometrist	Company; Public Sector; General Public; Potential volunteer	Australia is established in providing clinical research in many areas & is able to provide this to a high standard. It is important that clinical trials continue to be run in Australia to show outcomes with the Australian population. Clinical trials running in Australia also provide employment opportunities.
Sarah Crossley	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	So that we get exposure to new treatments in a controlled environment in our population.
Sarah Culhane	Director, Culhane Clinical Research Pty Ltd	Clinical Research Consultant	To give people access to life-saving drugs in a timely fashion, to maintain Australia's reputation and high profile of being being a country where high quality clinical research is done, to ensure our medical profession has access to new treatments and to keep us all in jobs!
Sarah Eadon	Senior Associate	Supplier; Potential volunteer	As a Recruitment Specialist I see several companies reducing their investment in clinical trials in the industry here. As well as impacting on the lives of those directly involved in the industry, it has an effect on the wider community. It seems like such as waste that the established experience and knowledge of clinical trials here in Australia is being overlooked in favour of running trials in countries relatively new to the systems, processes, rules and regulations of running clinical trials. As a relative lay person, I am concerned that this will impact on patient safety for those taking part in trials and ultimately have an impact of the quality of drugs developed.
Sarah	Clinical Trial Study	Private Cancer	Everyday I see patients who without the trials we conduct would have no treatment options, so for those people the loss of trials would

McLaughlin	Coordinator	Centre	be devastating because most would not live long enough for the drugs to get approved.
Scott Lauchlan-Ford	Team member	Potential volunteer	because it is unfair and extensively immoral to continually exploit more developing countries because of cheaper clinical trial opportunities. it will only encourage ppl who need the resulting medications to go to these countries for treatment and inevitably damage the Australian medicinal industry.
Sebastian DiNatale	Clinical Research Manager	Company	Jobs, earlier access to new treatments and facilitating their implementation once registered, technical and scientific expertise, infrastructure
Sharon Clark	Clinical Trial Study Coordinator	Public Sector	All patients should have the availability of ALL treatment options in Australia, it would be a step backwards for us and our patients and clients not to be able to have a choice of their own care.
Sharon E West	Manager	Supplier	I have friends who are ill and do not have access to adequate medical treatment as there is nothing on the market that suits their needs. clinical trials will help new treatments to be released that might in the futre cure the illness that my friends have. Knowing that the trials still occur gives them and I hope, which in many cases is all that they have. Take this away and you can kiss them goodbye. This I do not want to do.
Sharon Moloney	Clinical Research Manager	Company	As an international organisation we have run trials in this region with great success. Over the last few years costs have increased significantly in the ANZ region which places considerable pressure on the Australian arm of the organisation to justify having sites in ANZ.
Sharon White	Administration Officer	Public Sector	Ongoing research is one of the key factors in better healthcare for all Australians. If our citizens can benefit from the research intervention earlier in their conditions then they can benefit from improved quality and quantity of life. Also, the option to be involved in ongoing research is a privilege that many Australians champion and it provides a level of information and education that they themselves can benefit from and share with their family and friends. Clinical research provides a platform for the exchange and sharing of information and experience between experts all around the world, which is an added benefit to the delivery of healthcare.
Dr Shiva NV Prasad	Manager-Clinical QA	Supplier	Australia being in the Asia Pacific Realm, I would like to encourage Clinical Research in Australia, to provide the best clinical research efforts to all the asians.
Shyamala Pradeepan	Thoracic Registrar	Public Sector	Clinical trials are an important and interesting part of clinical science in Medicine. This is only hope of improving medical care for our patients. If not for trials medicine would be really boring.
Simone Hall	Associate Director, Clinical Operations	Supplier	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advancement in medical research to allow patient access to new therapies that have a high potential for improved health outcomes compared with currently available medications. 2. Maintaining the clinical research industry in Australia to allow Australia to contribute data to international clinical trials. Australia provides quality data in clinical research and makes a significant contribution to clinical research internationally and locally. 3. Career opportunities and jobs for the Australian medical and scientific community.
Simone Wittmann	CMAX - Data Entry	Company	
Dr Siobhan Ng	Medical Oncologist	Non-Commercial; Public Sector; Potential Volunteer	<p>Trials give our patients access to developmental drugs earlier.</p> <p>The process of taking part and creating clinical trilas is the best qulaity assurance program and helps ensure that those involved are fully abreast of the latest developments (you cannot evaluate/write a clinical trial without also knowing the latest research in the area; participation in trials also bring you into contact with world leaders in the area.)</p> <p>There is a greater concern that third world countries may falsify data, laws may not be as strict and in many countries there is an entrenched culture of corruption. IF the FDA or PBS/TGA were to make decisions to approve drug use based on trials conducted in the third world, it would put our population at risk of adverse events. The process for picking up adverse events when a drug is in common use is cumbersome and relies on the doctor making a report - which is not compulsory. By the time it is clear that there could be a problem many pts will have been exposed to the drug - far greater than those who would have been exposed if data was collected properly within the context of a properly run clinical trial. This is probably the strongest reason why trials should cont to be run out of</p>

			countries which have the highest standards in terms of ethics and governance. The threat of litigation also helps to ensure honesty. Litigation is much less common in third world countries.
Sonia E	Research Associate	Company	Australian patients will have an equal opportunity as those overseas to be the first to try new treatments for their condition.
Sonja Downey	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Company	I work within the industry so it is important that clinical trials run in Australia for my job security. I think it would also be a big loss for patients if they did not have access to clinical trials.
Sonya McColl	Clinical Research Manager	Non Commercial	To provide choices and alternatives of new medications for Australian patients Ensure we keep important scientific discoveries happening in Australia Community participation in medical care Help to discover new treatments
Sonya McColl	Clinical Research Manager	Non-Commercial	1) Provides patients access to new treatments not currently available in Australia 2) Ensures Australia remains at the forefront of medical science and research 3) Encourages research and scientific discoveries and education 4) Supports Australian industry and employment
Sonya Stephens	Data Manager	Public Sector	To keep trials open to a wide range of people and not just from one Ethnic group
Sophia de Silva	Clinical Research Associate	Company	Because Australia has so much to offer the world in terms of scientific medical advances and our population deserves to benefit from both Australian and global research. Clinical Trials offer patients in Australia medical treatments which they may never otherwise have a chance to receive.
Dr Sophie Glover-Koudounas	Medical Director	Company; Potential Trial Volunteer	Australia has enjoyed an excellent reputation and participation rate in medical & clinical research for many years. It appears to me however, that through the less than positive impact of several areas, the future of such research in this country is in serious jeopardy. I sincerely hope that, regardless of which sector we present, we can focus on the real benefits of clinical research and look at the facts related to such research and not what might be promulgated.....
Stephanie Davison	Project Manager	Company; Potential volunteer	I see the people who are helped my new treatments that would otherwise be unavailable to them for up to ten years. Both myself and family members have willingly participated in Clinical Trials.
Steven Faux	Director of Rehab Medicine St Vincents Hospital Sydney	Public Sector	because we do it well and have high ethical standards
Steven Godinho	Managing Director	Supplier	It has the potential to drive significant economic benefit, leverages existing skills and infrastructure and provides not only an avenue for broadening research and related services but also has healthcare spin-off benefits.
Sue Carrick	Head of Research Strategy	Non-Commercial	The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) supports and promotes excellent Australian research relevant to the causes, prevention and the care of women and men with breast cancer. To date the NBCF has distributed almost \$60 million across 230 research programs which include clinical trials. We believe it is critical to keep clinical trials in Australia to guarantee that clinical trial outcomes represent the diversity of the Australian population. Maintaining clinical trial capacity will also support healthy international collaborations and ensure our most talented researchers continue to maintain their world class reputation for excellent breast cancer research.
Sue Jenkins-Marsh		Supplier	There is some evidence that patients participating in clinical trials survive longer than similar patients treated with similar regimens outside trials. This is supported by the Cancer Council of Australia. Concentrating on clinical trials in their March 2003 Cancer Forum publication, the Council argued that increasing participation and access to high-quality cancer trials is the best way to improve outcomes for people affected by cancer. In addition, third party stakeholders, such as governments, gain knowledge about which treatments are

			<p>effective, acceptable and cost-effective.</p> <p>Access to treatment which would otherwise be unavailable to patients. Patients miss out on opportunities for novel treatment approaches and beneficial new therapies take longer to reach the public.</p> <p>It has been argued that direct involvement in clinical trials by doctors means best practice treatments and procedures are quickly translated and adopted into everyday practice. Physicians who design and/or implement RCTs translate the results of the medical literature more promptly and to a greater extent than physicians in routine clinical practice. Patients treated in hospitals that participate in clinical trials have significantly lower mortality than patients treated at non participating hospitals.</p>
Sue Schofield	Senior Clinical associate	Company	Clinical trials are a key way for people to get access to new medicines under strict supervision. If we lose clinical trials for Australia - everyone loses - we will have to wait until new drugs or treatments become available in other countries first. The industry employs many hundreds of highly trained people here.
Sujatha Pujari	Medical Officer	Company	
Sujatha Pujari	Medical Officer	Supplier	Advancement of medical practice is largely influenced by clinical trials which are hence irreplaceable. Also Australia is a multicultural land with varied geography which provides an ideal sample of volunteers for such studies.
Susan Pellicano	Clinical Coordinator	Public sector	By helping patients get access to new treatments earlier, and providing education and research opportunities for Australian scientists.
Suzannah Leigh	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Company	To offer patients access to new drugs most importantly, not to mention to keep my job!
Dr Sylvie Jonckea	Clinical Monitoring Manager	Company	Because Australia is a world class research country with years of experience showing the quality of our data. Australia is a fast growing market so we should be included in future drug development projects.
Tamara Rusby	Executive Officer	Public Sector; General Public	Australia is an independent country and should remain that way. If people agree to be in a trial they don't want people from overseas running it.
Tania Elderkin	Research coordinator	Public Sector	Provide equity of access to opportunities to participate in clinical trials for the Australian community Maintain a research & evidence-based culture in Australian healthcare facilities
Tania Winzenberg	Research Fellow	Non-Commercial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.To ensure that new treatments are tested in Australian populations so as to ensure the study results actually apply to our community 2.To allow early access to new therapies for the Australian community 3. To provide research training opportunities and experience in undertaking clinical trials to Australian researchers and clinicians
Tara Gawthorne	Clinical Research Associate	Company; Non-Commercial; Public Sector; General Public; Potential volunteer; Consumer/ Patient Advocate	I believe that clinical trials are important to increase the survival of our patients. I currently work in oncology and believe they are essential in determining the best treatment options.
Thao Le	Clinical Research Associate	Company	New drugs to Australian patients earlier, support Australian's healthcare system, jobs, and maintains reputation for medical research.
Tina	Trial Coordinator -	Public Sector	Patients - access to novel therapies / new drug regimens.

Cavicchiolo	Research Nurse		Economics - employment / income Medical & scientific advancement - integrity / reputation / excellent standards
Toby Hunt	Clinical Research Supervisor	Public Sector	Clinical research allows significant advances in scientific knowledge and allows therapeutic goods at the cutting edge medical research to be offered to our population.
Tom Maher	Project Manager	Company	Clinical research in Australia is necessary to allow our patients access to innovative new treatment options. Without it thousands of jobs in the clinical research industry and by association will be lost.
Toni Marafioti	Clinical Trials Study Coordinator	Public Sector	To ensure that every person has a right to an informed choice, standard treatment vs new innovative treatment. Australian standards are high, it would be a shame not to continue developing this market, not to mention, the level of employment generated.
Tracey Lee Edinburg	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	Trials allow patients warly access to new medicines Trials bring financial investment to Australia and provide employment to Australians
Tracey Shanahan	Pharmacist	Consumer/Patient Advocate	Australia has higher quality standards than most other countries and stricter regulations. I have more faith in clinical trials conducted in Australia. We have many highly qualified personel in Aistralia equipped to conduct clinical trials and these people deserve to keep their jobs to be able to use their expertise.
Trevor Fowles	Clinical Research Associate	Company; Consumer/Patient Advocate; General Public; Potential volunteer	Ongoing Employment and carree development opportunities within Australia
Tseng Lau	Research Coordinator	Public Sector	Maintain Australia's competitiveness in medical treatment development & maintain employment opportunities.
Tyron Johnson	Senior Clinical Research Associate	Company	1. Continuing the leading edge research in this country such that we continue to have one of the healthiest and best served populations in the world. 2. Availability and opportunity to develop experience with new medications, devices and therapies amongst our medical professionals. 3. Maintain the commitment to becoming a "smart" country and continuing to develop a high end skill set. This will keep our high performing professionals and academics here in Australia, therby servicing our local economy. 4. Continue our industry as one that cares about all human healthcare rather than just oure profits.
Vesna Roff	Clinical Research Associate	Supplier	For our patients to be given the choice of participating in clinical trials, for the creation of jobs in Australia both in private and public sectors.
Vic Roberts	Clinical Research Contractor	Supplier	Keeps me employed! Also, if I were to get ill, I would like to have access to clinical trial programs as option.
Virginia Bielski	Clinical Trial Coordinator	Public Sector; Supplier	I feel that Australian transplantation hospitals have an ever growing transplantation population and that the standard of care post operatively is extremely high. Australia is known for its quality of trial participation and data capture and whereas Australia may not have the patient numbers that Asian countries may have our trial conduct/data capture is of a high standard. Australian transplant patients are generally very positive towards participating in clinical trials as their data "may benefit others if not themselves directly".
Vivienne Zammit	Technical Services Manager	Company	For Australia to be up to date with new technology.
Will Wooding	Brand Manager, Oncology	Company	Access for patients to life-saving treatment options which are only available through a clinical trial. Maintenance of Australian clinicians' knowledge, skills and expertise in the latest treatment options for patients.

Yasmin Speekman	Merchandiser	Potential volunteer	Keeps Australia at the cutting edge of scientific research. Allows Australia to demonstrate R&D expertise at a global level. We need them
Zahava Wolfowicz	Clinical Research Associate	Non-Commercial	Running clinical trials in Australia is beneficial for both Australians and pharmaceutical companies/clinical research organisations around the world. Australians have the opportunity to contribute to the research that may eventually make a difference to their lives. Pharmaceutical co.s/clinical research organisations benefit from the experience, knowledge, efficiency and motivation of people working in this industry in Australia. Without clinical trials in Aus, that wealth of knowledge and expertise that Australian scientists bring to the world will not be able to shine through.

Further Background to this Campaign

The promise of clinical research is the hope of finding better treatments and cures for what we suffer with, or what our children might suffer from in the future.

If clinical trials didn't happen in Australia, people would find themselves needing to travel overseas to countries like India and China to access to the best new treatments in development, or researchers and doctors may move overseas in order to pursue their research interests.

Like many other Australian industries, clinical research is under threat from competition beyond our shores, and cost pressures on our healthcare system. The government is aware of the challenges and is working to determine how these can best be addressed. However, a public show of support that Australians value clinical research might help give governments and industry added confidence that it is worth investing further in clinical trials in Australia.

The **Save Australian Clinical Trials Campaign** was launched to demonstrate that the Australian public, researchers, industry and healthcare professionals are united in their support for more clinical trials in Australia, and that continued investment by federal and state governments, healthcare providers and overseas organisations in clinical research in Australia is valued.

The Campaign was open to anyone that wanting to public declare their support for clinical trials being run in Australia, the benefits of which include:

- Giving patients access to new treatments in development earlier, without having to travel overseas to get the same opportunities;
- Providing hundreds of millions of dollars of investment into our healthcare system through provision of equipment, jobs, and training;
- Promoting a culture of continuous improvement in our healthcare system, leading to better outcomes for all patients in general;
- Ensuring the best scientists, doctors, nurses and other healthcare practitioners have career opportunities in research that will keep them in Australia;
- Ensuring there is capacity and expertise locally to translate Australian discoveries into commercial successes;
- Maintaining Australia's reputation at the forefront of medical research.

This campaign was financially supported by Janelle Bowden, AccessCR, as the departing gesture of a business considering closing as a result of the current environment for clinical trials in Australia. Janelle remains passionate and committed to promoting the value of clinical research, and increasing equity in access to clinical trials through consumer awareness of, education about and facilitating avenues for increased participation in clinical research.