











2021 Consultation on Clinical Trials

Purpose:

Identify priority areas and develop program ideas to improve the quality of clinical trials in WA and make the State more attractive to funders of clinical trials





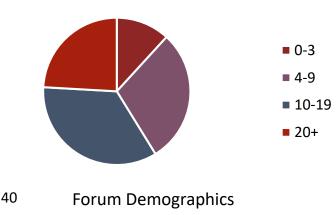


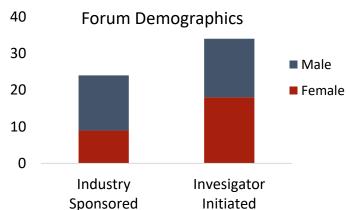
Participants Included:

- Clinicians
- Consumers
- Academic clinical trialists
- Clinical trial support staff
- Policy-makers

- Medical technology and pharmaceutical companies
- Contract research organisations
- Health service provider executives
- Research funders

Clinical Trials Professionals Completing Survey: Years' Experience









Involving consumers and the community



...Involve consumers in research teams

Consumer clinical trial connection network

Panel of consumers to support applications

Linkage with consumer groups and training



GPs, specialists equipped to link patients to clinical trials

Consumers involved in trial design

Community research literacy resources

Health care professionals know about available clinical trials

Public education campaign on clinical trials

Facilitated through community-focussed network



Investigator-Initiated Forum Session

Actions that may enhance clinical trial capacity and expertise, improving the quality of clinical trials in WA and making the State more competitive for grant funding.

Opportunities

Enabling platform for pragmatic trials

Forum for adaptive trials knowledge-sharing

Boost recruitment through community research literacy resources

Coordination of a statewide approach to teletrials

Skills/Expertise

Centre providing staff, training and coordination

Ethics and governance training for new researchers

Platform to implement and use knowledge management systems

Infrastructure

Centralised biobank facilities

Shared platform for teletrials ICT

Increase awareness of early-phase trials and link to hospital resources

Partner with Aboriginal health organisation and GP networks for regional trial sites

Services

Dedicated personnel and expertise to streamline trial start-up

Tools, skills and standard procedures for data management

Core funding for permanent trial coordinators to enhance trial coordination

Statisticians embedded in central trial support centre



Industry-Sponsored Forum Session

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Opportunities

Clinical trials hub to help coordinate trials within and between health service providers

Increase early-phase trials infrastructure

Expert unit to assist and educate re recruitment; delivering recruitment will attract sponsors

Work with partners and train staff and patients to advance tele-trials

Skills/Expertise

Professionalise trial roles through training and job security

Training for researchers on how to apply for ethics and governance approvals

Formal training and mentoring to build project management capacity

Cross-discipline PhDs, scholarships, fellowships to develop data/database skills

Infrastructure

Centralised State biobank and databank

Invest in upgrading and maintaining infrastructure for teletrials

Extra early-phase trial capacity, including decentralised, with high-quality digital infrastructure

Services

Trials start-up team with wide expertise and aim to build capacity / skills over time

Screening programs (e.g. molecular) to identify trial participants

Hub and spoke model of trials coordination, with deployable staff and resources



Future Directions

The Research and Innovation Office is synthesising and mapping suggestions to an ecosystem approach for advancing clinical trials in WA, supported by targeted consultations

