

# New Smart Phone Cancer Clinical Trials App: [wacancertrials.com.au](http://wacancertrials.com.au)

**Initiatives to increase participation in clinical trials are essential not only for the development of new cancer therapies, but to provide access to emerging therapies for people who are most likely to benefit.**

Clinical trials are fundamental to the development of new and improved treatments for people with cancer. With well over 100 cancer clinical trials underway across WA each year, connecting clinicians and patients with potentially suitable clinical trials is vital.

Now a new smartphone app has made this possible.

Cancer related health professionals can now access the latest information on clinical trials currently open for patient accrual in WA from their Apple or Android smartphone.

With just a few taps, a clinician can find out what trials are currently open in WA in a specific tumour group, where the trial is being run and the relevant local clinical investigator and contact person.

“It’s a much easier and convenient way for very busy cancer clinicians to access the relevant clinical trial information in a timely manner.” said “Dr Arman Hasani (R), Medical Oncologist, who developed the app with pharmacist Sean Grieves.



“For clinicians and cancer patients, timely access to evidence based treatments is critical. This app provides cancer clinicians who are time poor with accurate and up-to-date information on cancer clinical trials ..... By enabling them to have quick and easy access to clinical trials open in WA it is hoped that we can increase WA cancer patient participation in the latest evidenced based treatments”, said Dr Hasani.

## The problem of trial recruitment

- 3% of adult cancer patients participate in trials
- 40% of trials fail to achieve minimum enrolment
- More and more, trials are searching for the uncommon patient (eg second line metastatic merkel cell cancer)
- In part due to oncologists claiming
  - Being too busy
  - Not having information about trials to hand at point of care
  - Not having time to find out if there is a trial in Perth for the patient
  - Not knowing if the patient is eligible

## Survey of WA Med Oncologists

- 100% own a smartphone (78% Apple) and have the phone with them in the clinic and ward
- 96% thought it was essential or very important to get suitable patients onto trials they may be eligible for
- 85% would offer to refer patients to other centres for a clinical trial they were eligible for
- 30% are completely or very aware of trials open in Perth for patients they see (tend to be the subspecialists)
- 21% are completely or very aware of eligibility criteria for trials in Perth for patients they see

## Cancer Trials WA



View Trials



- Android app available in the app store
- iPhone can be set up to look like an app by going to [www.wacancertrials.com.au](http://www.wacancertrials.com.au) in safari and then clicking “add to home screen”

