

WA Cancer Trials Registry



Clinical trials are the vital research link between scientific laboratory discoveries and the availability of new treatments for cancer patients.

Clinical trials are sets of tests in medical research and drug development that generate safety and efficacy data (or more specifically, information about adverse drug reactions and adverse effects of other treatments) for health interventions (eg drugs, diagnostics, devices, therapy protocols). They're conducted only after satisfactory information has been gathered on the quality of the non-clinical safety, and health authority/ethics committee approval is granted in the country where approval of the drug or device is sought.

Since May 2009 WACOG has maintained an online Cancer Clinical Trials Registry on the Cancer Council Website. It is a listing of cancer and haematology clinical trials open for patient accrual in Western Australian hospitals.

WACOG, Cancer Council WA, and WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network – like many national and international cancer organisations – believe that where possible the best clinical management for cancer patients is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged by both organisations.

The registry includes trials from a wide range of cancer treatment areas including chemotherapy, radiation methods, surgical procedures, preventive measures, quality of life and lifestyle related studies.

Persons interested in finding out more about the trials listed on the website are encouraged to contact the respective hospital centre on the phone numbers listed in the trial entry.

All trials listed also appear on other national and international clinical trials registries - the relevant details of which are included on each respective clinical trial entry. The links to these registers are provided for each clinical trial appearing on the registry.

WACOG ensures that the register is regularly updated for prospective participants and all interested health professionals.

The register can be easily accessed at Cancer Council homepage: www.cancerwa.asn.au via a quick link by clicking WA Clinical Trials in the Quicklinks section located in the bottom left corner. Or: <http://tinyurl.com/yzvpeoo>

Understanding clinical trials and research booklet

This 63 page booklet aims to help people make an informed decision about participating in cancer research.

The first section covers general information about different types of research. The second section is about getting involved in a clinical trial or research. It covers practical considerations if you want to participate and explains how one can be assured that research studies are safe and reliable.

It is available for free via the Cancer Council WA publications section of its website:

www.cancerwa.asn.au/resources/2012-07-02-Understanding-Clinical-Trials-and-Research.pdf

