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## Consent and your rights

To ensure participants fully understand their rights and responsibilities, our team will discuss each trial in detail, providing a detailed consent form outlining exactly what is involved.

We encourage participants to ask questions and discuss the trial with their doctor and family.

Participants are welcome to call the Clinical Trials Centre on 07 3232 7264 or visit [www.wesleyresearch.org.au](http://www.wesleyresearch.org.au) for further information.

## Who governs Clinical Trials?

There are strict rules in Australia for conducting clinical trials governed by two units of the Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing:

- Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

The Wesley Research Institute adheres to the international standards set down in the Good Clinical Practice Guidelines (GCP).

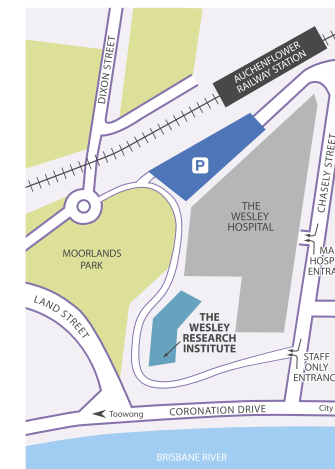
For more information about the regulation of clinical trials visit:

NHMRC	<a href="http://www.nhmrc.gov.au">www.nhmrc.gov.au</a>
TGA	<a href="http://www.tga.gov.au">www.tga.gov.au</a>
Queensland Clinical Trials Network	<a href="http://www.qctn.com.au">www.qctn.com.au</a>
Australian Clinical Trials Registry	<a href="http://www.actr.org.au">www.actr.org.au</a>

The Wesley Research Institute is located on the campus of The Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, one of Queensland's largest private hospitals and specialist centres. The Institute is part of the Uniting HealthCare family.

**Mission** To link science, medical research and clinical practice to provide better outcomes for patients worldwide.

**Vision** To make a lasting difference to health care practices by improving quality of life and patient care through medical research.



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## The Wesley Research Institute Clinical Trials Centre Information for participants



The Wesley Research Institute conducts clinical research that is making an immediate difference for patients everywhere.



## The Wesley Research Institute

The Wesley Research Institute conducts medical research projects and clinical trials that address the need for immediate improvements in health care practices for patients everywhere.

The Institute is a leading research facility with a commitment to patient care, ethical conduct, and quality research that aims to improve quality of life through better diagnosis and treatment.

Our researchers are doctors, nurses and health care professionals who work directly with patients in Uniting HealthCare hospitals throughout Queensland.

Clinical trials are one of the ways we strive to improve health care practices.

## What are clinical trials?

Clinical trials are a critical safety net to ensure the latest medical treatments are safe and effective before they are made available to the community.

They follow strict guidelines to formally and scientifically test new medications, procedures, and medical devices.

## Who can take part?

1. Healthy participants of any age
2. Participants who have been diagnosed with a disease for which a new treatment is being developed. These patients must fit certain criteria

We are always looking for people to take part in clinical trials. Please contact the Clinical Trials Centre on 07 3232 7264 for more information about how you can participate.

## What's involved?

All trials are different but generally start with a consultation where staff give participants a health check and instructions for the specific trial.

Research Coordinators and doctors continue to monitor participants during and after the trial, which may require further appointments or phone calls.

*For more detailed information please visit our website [www.wesleyresearch.org.au](http://www.wesleyresearch.org.au)*



*“I wanted my cancer to mean something. When I heard about a trial for a new treatment for breast cancer that offered better chances of survival with less of the debilitating side effects of surgery, I knew I had to take part.”*

*Ms Loretta Marron, breast cancer survivor*

## What are the benefits?

There are many reasons for taking part in a clinical trial. Some of the benefits include:

- Playing an active role in your treatment
- Gaining access to expert medical care at leading institutions
- Being part of new treatments not available elsewhere
- Personal satisfaction from knowing you are helping others by improving health care practices

## What are the risks?

A team of expert doctors and nurses sees every participant in a clinical trial at The Wesley Research Institute to minimise any risks.

A thorough consultation ensures participants are aware of both the risks and the benefits of the trial so they can make an informed decision before agreeing to take part.

However, just like all medical treatments, there are some risks including:

- Potential adverse side effects
- The possibility the treatment won't work as hoped

Our research adheres to the highest standards and each clinical trial or research project undergoes a rigorous scientific and ethical approval process to ensure risks are minimised.

## Help The Wesley Research Institute make a lasting difference

- Yes, I would like to register my interest to participate in a clinical trial. Please contact me with more information
- Yes, I would like to receive regular news and updates
- Yes, I would like to support The Wesley Research Institute's urgent research projects by making a donation

*Please complete all of the details on this form, then tear it off, seal it, and post it to us. Your privacy is important to us and your details will be kept confidential.*

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## How your support helps The Wesley Research Institute

### Did you know?

- One in three Australians die of heart disease
- One in eleven men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime
- Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer

Your support will make an incredible difference to thousands of patients and their families who are suffering now.

### Your gift will help our researchers to create:

- Lasting benefits for patients today and in the future
- Fewer and less severe side effects
- Shorter hospital stays
- Less invasive surgery
- Longer cancer survival with genuine quality of life
- Faster, more accurate diagnoses

At The Wesley Research Institute we are doing amazing things. Discoveries uncovered by our groundbreaking research are changing the future for everyone, and we welcome you to join us on this exciting journey.

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