

# Metro South Research Weekly Update

**Tuesday, 19 May 2020**

To all MSH researchers and clinicians,

## Ethics and Governance Update

### Ethics

- As the health service transitions towards 'business as Covid', so too is MSH HREC. Whilst prioritisation will still occur for COVID related research (including new and post approval submissions), all other research submissions will be accepted and reviewed following the NHMRC Certification guidelines.

### Governance

- The Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners (BDHP) recently signed off the updated Research Passport Agreement, and Version 2 is ready for use. To find out more about how to use the collaborative agreement and how it saves researchers time and legal costs, join us for a short [webinar](#).
- [BDHP Research Passport Agreement](#) is a collaborative research agreement for BDHP partners, consisting of an umbrella agreement and an operating schedule with agreed legal terms and schedule items to streamline the approval process for researchers.

## Digital Research - PowerTrials

- If you've recently received Metro South Governance approval and your study involves *consenting Metro South patients*, Mel Arneil (Research Compliance – PowerTrials) will be in touch to discuss enrolling patients into your study using PowerTrials. For any digital research concerns or queries, please email [MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au).

## Clinical Research Facility

- Thank you for your understanding while research capacity was reduced in the Clinical Research Facility (CRF) due to COVID19.
- Suspended research can resume in the CRF from 18th May 2020. Please contact the CRF [CRF@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CRF@health.qld.gov.au) to request bookings. Oncology services will continue in the CRF which may impact resource availability and flexibility regarding bookings may be required. Gym

bookings remain suspended at this stage and updates will be provided when available.

- Please contact the CRF Nurse Manager on 3176 8708 for further information

## Research Funding

- [2021 MSH Research Support Scheme](#) including PA Research Foundation [EARLY ADVICE](#)
- The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) [funding calendar](#) and [latest news and alerts](#).
- Australian Cancer Research Foundation has extended [this year's grant round closing to Friday 29 May 2020](#).
- [RACP Foundation Grants and Awards](#) now open, Fellowships closing in June 2020.
- Emergency Medicine Foundation [Round 34](#) of the Queensland Research Program opens 15 June 2020 and closes 14 August 2020.
- Cancer Australia [call for applications to the 2020 PdCCRS grant opportunity](#) is open.
- Register to be notified of the opening date for Diabetes Australia [2021 Research Grant Round](#).
- Advance Queensland's Women's Research Assistance Program offers [grants of up to \\$26K](#) to contribute to employing a researcher or research/laboratory assistant to help maintain research progress during or immediately following a maternity break.

## Did you know?

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May is International Clinical Trials Day. The current pandemic has brought to light the immense value of high-quality research in delivering innovative solutions to healthcare. Across Metro South there are over 20 therapeutic areas that are currently conducting clinical trials including Investigator Initiated. Both participants and researchers are to be saluted for paving the way of advanced healthcare.

## Other items of interest

- The Hopkins Centre virtual Hopkins Hour - on 'Engaging consumers as Citizen Scientists in research' Wednesday 20 May at 12.30pm. See the [Hopkins Centre website](#) for details. The Hopkins Centre is a joint initiative of Division of Rehabilitation, MSH and the Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University.

- BDHP COVID-19 Roundtable Discussion series supports the coordination of research efforts for COVID-19 and leverage the resources of our research and health services partners. [Download or watch the series online.](#)

If you need support, please contact the Metro South Research team via the relevant email address:

- **Clinical Research Facility (CRF)** - [CRF@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:CRF@health.qld.gov.au)
- **MSH HREC Office** - [MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Ethics@health.qld.gov.au)
- **Research Governance** - [MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-RGO@health.qld.gov.au)
- **PowerTrials** - [MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-Powertrials@health.qld.gov.au)
- **MSH Research Support Scheme** - [MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MSH-RSS@health.qld.gov.au)
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