



# **Acknowledgement to Country**





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Gold Coast Primary Health Network would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the land and the traditional practices of the families of the Yugambeh Language Region of South East Queensland and their Elders past, present and emerging.





- Please switch mobile phones to silent during presentations
- Rest Rooms
- Evacuation procedure





**Kellie Trigger** 

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**Gold Coast Primary Health Network** 

# Transition to Practice Program (TPP)

- APNA's TPP supports recently graduated and experienced nurses with their transition into primary care.
- Participants can expect mentoring from an experienced primary care nurse and more.
- Opportunity for experienced primary care nurses to mentor a transitioning nurse.
- March intake recently commenced following successful recruitment of 7 nurses.
- Applications for July intake will open shortly, GCPHN to provide more information soon.





# Tropical Cyclone Alfred - feedback

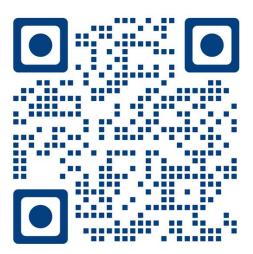


# **SAVE THE DATE | Upcoming Events**



- Initial Assessment and Referral (IAR) for Mental Healthcare Training Workshop
  - Wednesday 9 April | Tuesday 15 April | Thursday 17 April | Wednesday 30 April | Online
  - Wednesday 7 May | Tuesday 13 May | Monday 19 May | Thursday 29 May
     I Online
- Disaster Recovery and Resilience | Peer Support Training Workshop
  - Tuesday 29 April | 9:00am-3:00pm | GCPHN Offices
- GP and Practice Nurse Wound Management Training Workshop
  - Saturday 31 May | 9:00am 4:30am | GCPHN Offices

SCAN HERE for more information or to view the GCPHN Event Calendar



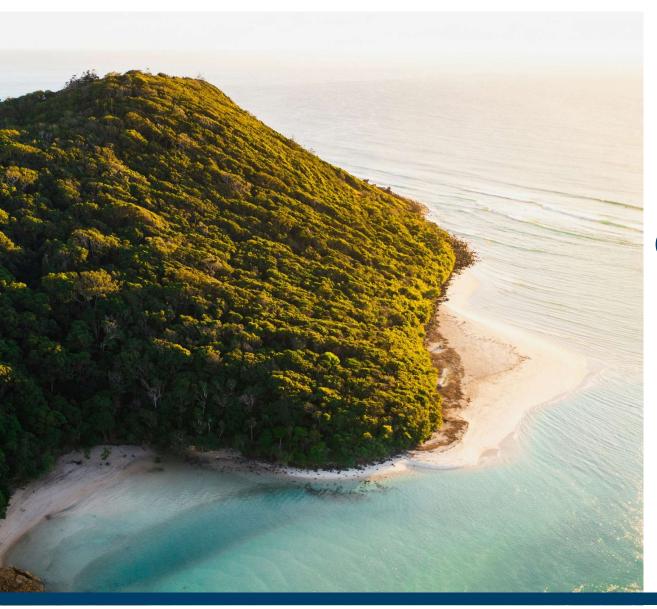




- Optimising Cancer Screening | Updates, Education and Participation Strategies
  - Thursday 19 June | 6:0pm 8:30pm | Mercure Gold Coast Resort
- Chronic Disease Management Workshop
  - Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 July | GCPHN Offices
- Changes to CDM MBS Items Webinar
  - Tuesday 29 July | Thursday 14 August | Online

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# MyMedicare Chronic Condition Management Planning

Practice Nurse Networking Night

8 April 2025

# **Chronic Condition Management**



Subject to passage of legislation — revised structure for items for chronic disease manageme and change in name to Chronic Conditions Management

No new information released regarding specifics of the upcoming changes to chronic condition management MBS items.

Deferred to 1 July 2025 Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items will be changing to:

- Replace the current GP Management Plan and Team Care Arrangement with a single GP Chronic Condition Management Plan.
- **Support** continuity of care MyMedicare registered patients access management plans through the practice they are registered at (Pts not registered for MyMedicare will be able to access management plans through their usual GP)
- **Encourage** management plan reviews:
  - Equalising fees for developing and reviewing plans
  - Establish or review plan in the last 18 months to retain access to allied health and other services
- Formalise referral process for allied health (more consistent with other referral arrangements)
- Transition arrangements for existing patients with GP Management Plans and TCAs



# **Australian Government March 2025 Budget announcements**

#### **Expanded MBS billing**

- From 1 November expansion of eligibility for MBS bulk billing incentive payments to all
   Australians with a Medicare card.
- Practices can choose to participate in the new bulk billing practice incentive program.
- New information on both bulk billing measures is now available on the <u>Department of Health and Aged Care website</u> (including FAQ and details on eligible MBS services).

#### Other

- Funding for 50 more Medicare Urgent Care Clinics
- Women's Health package including a new Medicare rebate for menopause health assessments and funding to train health professionals
- Workforce expansion to GP training, nursing and midwifery scholarships and salary incentives to encourage junior doctors to specialise in general practice.

# **GCPHN** Supporting the Change

Through your Practice Engagement Officer – Practice visits Phone: 07 5612 5408 Email: <a href="mailto:practicesupport@gcphn.com.au">practicesupport@gcphn.com.au</a>

# Meet your Practice Engagement Officers Gold Coast Region



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#### Navigating changes in chronic care

CCM Activation Series – staged approach over 10 practical activities to support translation of CCM reforms into your general practice with your practice team and patients.

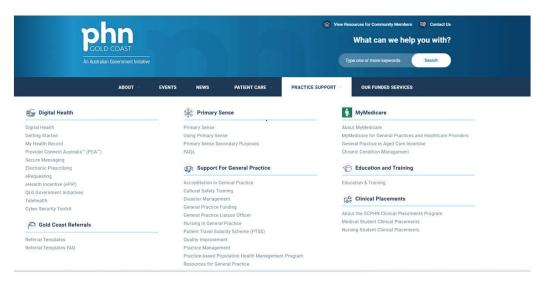
#### **Considerations for change management:**

- Data cleaning and coding to support identification of vulnerable patients
- Patient journey mapping
- MyMedicare knowledge staff and patients
- Utilising QI activities

# **Resources Supporting the Change**



#### **GCPHN** Website



# GCPHN Communications GP and Practice News and PM Email Network

#### **Primary Sense**



#### **Quality Improvement Resources**











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Influenza/COVID







COMING SOON

Lung Cancer Screening

MyMedicare

Winter Wellnes

#### **GCPHN Wellness Cycle of Care resources**

Wellness Cycle of Care

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An Australian Government Initiative

#### Winter - Burden of care

- · Deprescribing medications
- Review and reduce referral to specialists and allied health professionals depending on the current needs and treatment goals of patients



 Review patients' immunisation status and update/offer missing vaccinations as per recommendations for specific age groups.

Autumn - Prevention

- Consider assessing the following risks determined by patient needs:
  - o Falls
  - o Fracture
  - o Kidney
  - o Cancer screening
  - o Mental health status
  - o Cognition / memory



- · Update patient details such as:
  - o Next of kin
  - o Emergency contacts
  - o Allergy status
  - o Ethnicity
  - o Lifestyle risk factors such as smoking, alcohol, BMI
    - o Update patient consent to share deidentified data, participate in recalls and reminders
      - Upload shared health summaries to My Health record when

details updated

 Successful teams agree and implement a consistent approach to coding

#### Summer - Advance care planning

- Collect or validate details about the enduring Power Of Attorney of patients
- Complete or review Advance Health Directive or Statement of Choices



GPs are required to make sure each patient meets the MBS criteria prior to claiming each item number.

#### MBS items to support implementation GP management plan

- Team care arrangements
- GPMP/TCA review x 3 times per year
- Nurse chronic disease item number
- Health assessments for over 75-year olds
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's health assessment
- Home medication review
- Mental health treatment plan

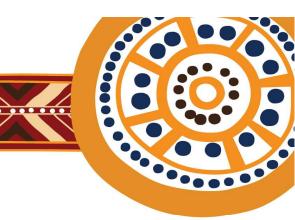
# Confidence in Immunisation

Fiona Vosti + Bree Cullen
Gold Coast Public Health Unit



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#### Jingeri.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we work, live and grow, the Kombumerri, Wangerriburra, Bullongin, Minjungbal and Birinburra peoples, of the Yugambeh Language speaking nation. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present today.







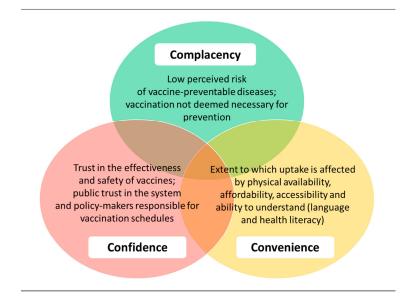
# "Vaccination is one of the most successful and cost-effective advances in global public health."

Commonwealth of Australia, 2018

World Health Organization (WHO) named vaccine hesitancy one of the top ten threats to global health in 2019

Healthcare providers are central to vaccination efforts due to their increased exposure to disease and vulnerable patients, and their role in patient confidence and decision-making.

Strategies used to improve vaccine uptake among healthcare providers: A systematic review - ScienceDirect



# Gold Coast Public Health Unit (GCPHU) Overview

#### **Communicable Disease Control Nursing Team**

- Public health management of notifiable conditions.
- Immunisation support for Gold Coast Vaccine Service Providers (VSP's).
- Disease outbreak management support for vulnerable facilities.
  - Total number of VSP's on the Gold Coast: 302
  - General Practices: 217
  - Pharmacies: 85

#### **Current notifiable conditions of interest:**

- Measles cases on the increase nationally.
- Japanese Encephalitis Virus found in mosquitoes + probable cases in QLD.
- Influenza is on the increase in QLD.

# **Gold Coast Vaccination Coverage Rates 2024**

### **Childhood Immunisation Rates – Target 95%**

Coverage (%)	GC All children	GC Non-indigenous children	GC First Nations children	State rate - all children
Fully vaccinated at 1 year	86.2	86.2	85.4	90.7
Fully vaccinated at 2 year	83.9	83.7	88.4	89.5
Fully vaccinated at 5 year	88.9	88.8	91.6	92.4

#### **Adolescent Immunisation Rates**

Coverage (%)	GCPHU	Other VSPs	Total Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
Coverage (%)	ССРНО	Other vars	Total Vaccillated	Olivaccillateu
Year 7 dTPa	81.3	11.1	92.4	7.6
Year 7 HVP	79.8	9.5	89.3	10.7
Year 10 MenACWY	72.9	7.1	80.0	20.0
Year 10 MenB dose 1	73.4	5.3	78.7	21.3
Year 10 MenB dose 2	61.3	5.1	66.4	33.6

#### **Gold Coast Vaccination Coverage Graphs – 2014 to 2024**

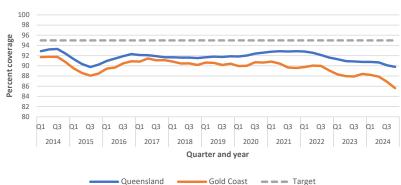




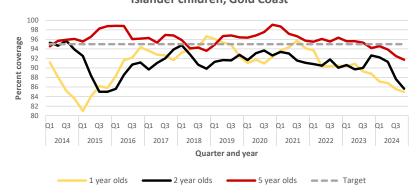
#### Vaccination coverage for 5 year olds



#### Vaccination coverage for 2 year olds

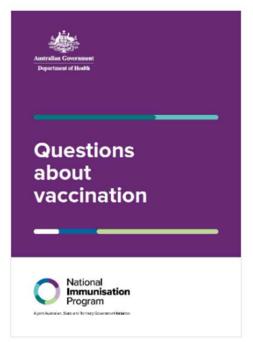


# Vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, Gold Coast



# Conversations with parents/patients

To help answer questions about vaccination:

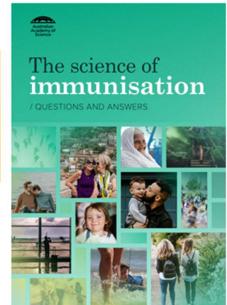




**Your Questions Answered** 







EMPOWERING IMMUNISATION CONVERSATIONS



**Vaccination and Immunisation Matters** 

# National Vaccination Insights Project (NCIRS)

Most common vaccination barriers from National Vaccination Insights project survey of a nationally representative cohort of 2,000 parents were as follows:

- Six in 10 (60.2%) parents reported feeling distressed when thinking about vaccinating their child.
- More than 1 in 10 (11.0%) parents reported they cannot afford costs associated with vaccinating their child.
- Almost 1 in 10 (9.3%) parents reported that it is not easy to get a vaccination appointment when their child's vaccination is due.

# Catch-up Immunisation

- Vaccine Service Providers (VSP's) should be able to develop a catch-up plan for their patient.
- Use the resources available from the Australian Immunisation Handbook, Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), QLD Immunisation Schedule.
- GCPHU have a catch-up worksheet and handy hints available.
- Be aware of minimum intervals.
- Overseas schedules can be tricky.
- GCPHU can review the plan and provide feedback if required.

#### **Queensland Immunisation Program**

Funded Immunisation Catch-up Schedule for people aged from 10 years

									Overdue	Migrant	Refugee	
Medicare No.:					Re	f:	DO	)B:	 Age: _			
Family Name:							Given Na	me/s:				
Address:							Suburb: _				Postcode	
Vaccine	Birth	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4	Dose 5	Dose 6	Total vaccines needed at current age	Catch	up schedule	timefram	е
3CG												
DTPa (dTpa >10yrs)												
PV or OPV												
Hib							11					
Hepatitis B												
PCV												
Rotavirus												
Men B												
Men C / Men ACWY												
MMR												
Varilrix												
Hep A				ATSI								
Pneumovax 23				ATSI & medically at risk								
HPV												

HANDY HINTS

Catch-Up Immunisations (children under 10yrs of age)

### Overseas Immunisation Records

- It is the patient's responsibility to have their records translated into English.
- When entering vaccines into AIR, use generic antigens rather than brand names.
- Organise an appointment soon (ie: next week) for the patient to return.
- Develop a catch-up plan using the resources available.
- Contact the GCPHU if you need assistance.
- On the day of the appointment, discuss the catch-up plan and administer the required vaccines.
- Book future appointments if required.





#### Overseas immunisations

This module explains how vaccination providers submit overseas immunisation information on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) site.

Free Translation Service (Department of Home Affairs)

Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) - Submitting to the AIR - Health Professional Education Resources

# Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors (VAE's)

When administering any vaccine, please remember to check the 6 Rights:

- 1. Right patient
- 2. Right time
- 3. Right drug
- 4. Right dose
- 5. Right route
- 6. Right documentation



Double check with another nurse or doctor to help pick up a potential error before administration. Use labelled baskets in your vaccine fridge.

TGA is interested in VAE's therefore if you experience a VAE, complete the <u>Adverse Event Following Immunisation Reporting Form</u> and tick the 'Vaccine Administration Error' box.

Also contact GCPHU for advice on 5667 3200 or GCPHU-CDC@health.qld.gov.au.

# Vaccine Management

**Vaccine Management Protocol** 



Gold Coast Public Health Unit

#### Ensure you have the following in place at your practice:

- An up-to-date Vaccine Management Protocol (VMP) that is accessible to staff.
- All staff involved in vaccine management have completed training.
- Free courses available through the Cunningham Centre in collaboration with QHIP.
- A back-up plan in the event of a power outage that has been tested.
- Know your temperature recording devices set up notifications if available.
- Refer to the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines Strive for 5 (3rd edition) guidelines.



Course 4 | Vaccine management

National vaccine storage guidelines - Strive for 5, 3rd edition



Figure 5: Minimum/maximum thermometer placed in centre of vaccine stock

Note: A data logger (if available) can also be placed with the minimum/maximum probe.

# Disaster Management

#### Gold Coast has experienced two natural disasters in the last 15 months:

- Christmas storm 2023 75 cold chain breaches reported
- Ex-TC Alfred 2025 105 cold chain breaches reported

#### **Vaccine management learnings from these events:**

- Staff safety is the priority, do not attend the practice unless safe to do so.
- If your VMP back-up plan is not viable, keep the vaccines in your vaccine fridge.
- Do not discard any QHIP-funded vaccines without GCPHU advice. Some vaccines are robust even in prolonged cold chain breaches.
- Quirks AQ Box data logger battery backup lasts around 8hrs, have a portable battery-powered min/max thermometer in your vaccine fridge.
- DO NOT place vaccines in a domestic fridge (including camping fridges) these are not suitable for vaccine storage.
- If transferring vaccines into eskies, ensure to monitor and record temperature.

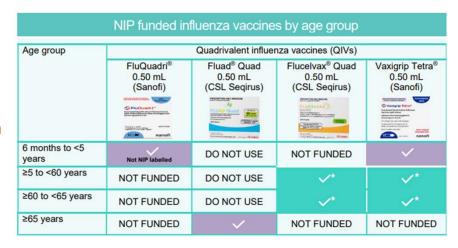
### Influenza Vaccines 2025

#### The 2025 Free Flu Vaccination Program runs from 1 March to 30 September 2025

All Queensland residents 6 months of age or older can access influenza vaccine for free in 2025 under this Queensland government funded program.

- NIP eligible people: No changes for people already eligible for free influenza vaccine and VSP's should administer NIP funded vaccines.
- Non-NIP-eligible people: VSP's should administer influenza vaccine from their privately purchased stock.
   Reimbursement details on OLD Health website.
- VSP's can place weekly orders for all NIP funded influenza vaccines from 7 April 2025 to 1 August 2025.
- Reporting of all NIP vaccines, including influenza vaccines to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) is mandatory.

2025 Free Flu Vaccination Program | Queensland Health



2025 Influenza vaccination program advice for health professionals - PDF.docx

### **RSV** Immunisation

According to the Queensland Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance Report from 1 January - 23 March 2025:

- RSV notification rates are highest among infants aged 6 months to 23 months.
- YTD, there have been 98 fewer RSV hospitalisations among infants under 6 months of age than to the same time in 2024 (66% decrease).
- Abrysvo (RSV vaccine): funded for pregnant women between 28-36 weeks. Can be administered with other vaccines funded in pregnancy (dTpa, influenza, COVID-19).
- Beyfortus (Nirsevimab monoclonal antibody): funded for infants whose mother missed Abrysvo vaccination or if the infant is at increased risk of RSV regardless of mother's vaccination status.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> season dose funded at 8 to <24 months old for infants at increased risk of RSV.
  - Be aware of weight-based dosing.

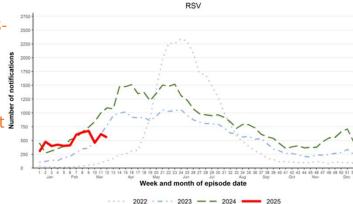


Figure 2: RSV notifications by week and month of episode date, Queensland, 1 January 2022 to 23 March 2025.

Queensland Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance Report Reporting Period: 1 January – 23 March 2025 The Queensland Paediatric Respiratory Syncytial Virus Prevention Program

# Vaccine Updates and Reminders

- Adolescent vaccination: 20-40% of adolescents missed vaccination through the School Immunisation Program (SIP). AIR will not flag SIP vaccines as overdue until well after the due date.
  - Menquadfi (MenACWY) only funded for adolescents.
- **MenB Vaccination Program:** Bexsero funded for infants 6 weeks to <2 years of age on commencement of the course + adolescents 15 to <20 years of age.
- **JEV Program eligibility expansion:** to include Hemmant, Brisbane; Roma & personnel who may be required to work outdoors in at risk areas.

#### • **COVID-19**:

#### **Booster dose recommendations**

	Less than 5 years	5 to 17 years	18 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and older
Without severe immunocompromise	Not recommended	Not recommended	Eligible for a dose every 12 months	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	Recommended every 6 months
With severe immunocompromise	Not recommended	Eligible for a dose every 12 months	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	Recommended every 12 months and eligible for a dose every 6 months	Recommended every 6 months

COVID-19 vaccine advice and recommendations | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

# Take Home Messages

- For vaccine guidance refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook (online)
- For vaccine management refer to Strive for 5 guidelines
- Become familiar with the National Immunisation Program (QLD) schedule and the vaccines used in the program
- GCPHU can assist with prepared catch up schedules

# **QUESTIONS??**





# **Clinical Trials**

## Tracey Brumby RN, Clinical Research Nurse Team Leader





# **Clinical Trial Definition (WHO)**

Clinical trials are a type of research that studies new tests and treatments and evaluates their effects on human health outcomes. People volunteer to take part in clinical trials to test medical interventions including:

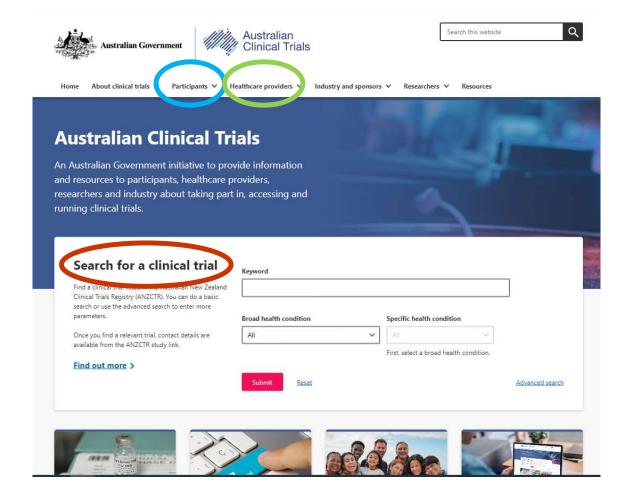
- drugs
- cells and other biological products
- vaccines
- medical devices
- surgical procedures
- radiological procedures
- psychotherapeutic and behavioural therapies and
- preventive care strategies

# **Clinical Trial Phases**

Preclinical Research

	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	
Phase I	100-300 participants	1,000-3,000 participants	Thousands of participants	
participants  Up to several months	Up to (2) years	One (1) - Four (4) years	One (1) year +	
Studies the safety of medication/treatment	Studies the efficacy	Studies the safety, efficacy and dosing	Studies the long-term effectiveness; cost effectiveness	

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https://www.australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/

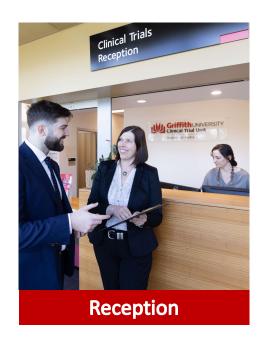


# **Clinical Trial Unit at Griffith Gold Coast campus**





## **State-of-the-Art Facilities**









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# The Team



- Multidisciplinary
- International experience
- Industry, Hospital, Retail, Research
- Clinical Research Nurses, Scientists



# **Current Capabilities**

### Therapeutic areas



Musculoskeletal Conditions



Infectious Diseases



Nephrology and Renal Disease



Endocrinology/ Metabolic Disorders



Neurological Diseases



Cardiovascular Conditions



Gastroenterology



Ear, Nose and Throat related Diseases



Respiratory Diseases



Ophthalmology



Dermatology



Women's Health

### **Additional expertise**



Complementary Medicines



Vaccine Development



Pharmacokinetic Investigations



Technology and Device Trials



GMO Trials



Rare Diseases



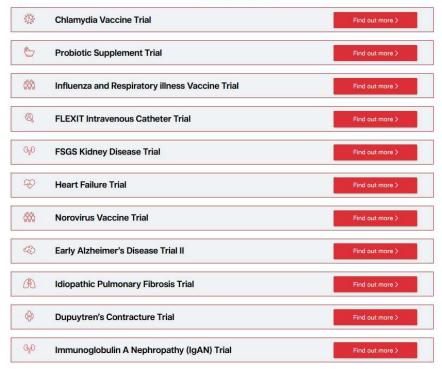
### **Our Trials**

More Information about our current (and past) trials are on our website



www.griffith.edu.au/clinical-trial-unit

#### Recruiting trials



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...Throughout the trial, I've had regular check-ins with my team, starting off fortnightly and eventually moving to tri-monthly visits.

I've never felt like I was "just a number". The trial team have been a constant support over the past five years, and I always look forward to seeing them. I've never felt that it's just a clinical appointment - it feels more like a friendly catch-up with a few laughs along the way.

Overall, my experience with the clinical trial has far exceeded my expectations. If you're looking to prioritise your health and possibly make a difference for others, I highly recommend joining the Griffith Clinical Trial community.

Rheumatology Trial Participant



### Contact us!

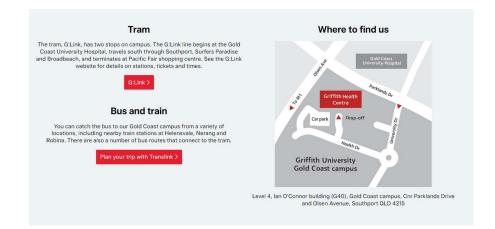




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