



## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Alfred Health signs agreement with Cancer Trials Australia**

**Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008: Melbourne Australia:** Cancer Trials Australia (CTA) announced today that the cancer centre at the Alfred Health Hospital had signed an agreement to join CTA.

“The Medical Oncology Group at the Alfred Hospital is a leading centre in Melbourne and we are very pleased that they have joined CTA, said Marcus Clark CEO of CTA. They have had significant involvement in key clinical trials and thus bring a wealth of experience to CTA. In addition they have access to significant resources on the campus, which includes access to great translational research capabilities. We therefore welcome Dr Max Schwartz and the team at the Alfred.”

“With the addition of the Alfred Oncology Group, CTA now has 10 active clinical sites to utilise in clinical trials. This is a tremendous resource by which to attract and conduct some of the major investigational studies with new agents. We are now very confident we have the critical site numbers to conduct large studies as well as the skills and experience to conduct the early phase studies including, first in human clinical trials”, said Professor Mark Rosenthal, Chief Medical Officer and Chairperson of CTA.

“There are some exciting agents being developed in the global new drug development centres and they require these agents to be clinically tested by experienced well co-ordinated groups. We are confident that CTA can undertake this role and we are taking very active steps to engage with such centres. In the long run this is beneficial to the treatment of cancer in this State as well as ensuring Australia remains a key part of the global drug development programs.”

#### **About Cancer Trials Australia (CTA)**

CTA is a Clinical Trial Network and Site Service Organisation providing research governance, advisory and laboratory assay services to investigators and sponsors of clinical trials in the field of oncology. Its member’s organisations are:

Alfred Health  
Austin Health  
Bendigo Health  
Border Medical Oncology  
Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research  
Melbourne Health  
Peninsula Oncology Centre

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
Southern Health  
St Vincent's Health  
The Walter and Elisa Hall Institute  
Western Health

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