



## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Melbourne Australia:** Cancer Trials Australia (CTA) announced today that Cabrini Health had signed an agreement to join CTA.

“Cabrini Health incorporates one of the leading private oncology centres in Victoria and we are very pleased that they have joined CTA,” said Marcus Clark CEO of CTA. With approximately 60% of patients with cancer being seen in the private sector, it is important for CTA to diversify its membership outside of the public institutions to ensure that there is equitable patient access to important clinical trials. Over the last 12 months Border Medical Oncology and Peninsula Oncology Centre have joined CTA. Thus with Cabrini now joining, CTA is well represented in both the public and private sectors of cancer medicine.

“Cabrini has for many years had a significant involvement in clinical trials and thus brings a wealth of experience to CTA and in particular their conduct with private patients.”

“Investigators in Cabrini Health’s Research Institute have been coordinating the clinical research program for many years and we see a great opportunity to expand this by collaborating with other key centres to conduct more important clinical trials in Victoria,” said Associate Professor Gary Richardson, Director of Cancer Services.

“CTA now has 11 active clinical sites to utilise in clinical trials and thus has access to significant number of patients to conduct multisite trials. With expertise to conduct phase I studies including first in patient studies, the group has exceptional resources and represents the largest cancer clinical trial network in Australia, outside the National Cooperative Groups,” said Professor Mark Rosenthal, Chief Medical Officer and Chairperson of CTA.

“Our expansion program has been facilitated by a very strong partnership with the Victorian Government and in particular with the Victorian Cancer Agency. Victorian Cancer Centres, networked through CTA, engage some of the world’s leading oncologists in the world and this partnership is very focussed to ensure this position is maintained so that patients have optimum access to the best form of treatments.”

#### **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  
Cabrini Health  
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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