

## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Cancer Trials Australia extends membership with Goulburn Valley Health in Shepparton Victoria and Lyell McEwin in South Australia

**18**<sup>th</sup> **November 2916: Melbourne Australia**: Cancer Trials Australia (CTA) announced today that the Shepparton Hospital through Goulburn Valley Health and Northern Adelaide Cancer Centre Clinical Trials Unit, operating as the Lyell McEwin Hospital have signed agreements to join CTA.

The Oncology Department at Shepparton is located in the Peter Copulos Cancer and Wellness Centre. 4 oncologists and hematologists are employed at the center which has a clinical trial program to offer patients.

The membership of Lyell McEwan represents CTA's first footprint into South Australia. The oncology department has a significant trial program in medical oncology overseen by a research head and 5 oncologists.

"These two members strengthen the potential collaborative opportunities of the network, said Marcus Clark CEO. Shepparton is a key regional centre in Victoria and will represent the 8<sup>th</sup> site outside the Melbourne metro area where CTA is located. Lyell McEwin will be a key member for CTA due to its active clinical trial program and as an introduction into South Australia which has extensive research in the private and public sector taking place.

"CTA now has 20 active clinical sites which can collaborate in multisite clinical trials. Despite Australia's relatively small population, this structure provides great opportunity for sponsors and investigators to conduct trials with significant patient numbers. With expertise to conduct trials from first in patient studies to large phase 3 studies, the group has exceptional scientific and clinical resources," said Professor Andrew Scott, Chairman of CTA.

## About Cancer Trials Australia (CTA)

CTA is a Clinical Trial Network and Site Service Organisation providing research governance, advisory services to investigators and sponsors of clinical trials. Its member's organisations are:

Alfred Health
Austin Health
Ballarat Health Services
Barwon Health
Bendigo Health
Border Medical Oncology
Cabrini Health Limited
Chris O'Brien Lifehouse
Goulburn Valley Health
Lyell McEwin Hospital
Melbourne Health
Monash Health

Olivia Newton John Institute for Cancer Research
Peninsula Health
Peninsula Oncology Centre
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
Port Macquarie Hospital
South West Healthcare
St Vincent's Health
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
The Women's Hospital
Tweed Heads Hospital
Western Health

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