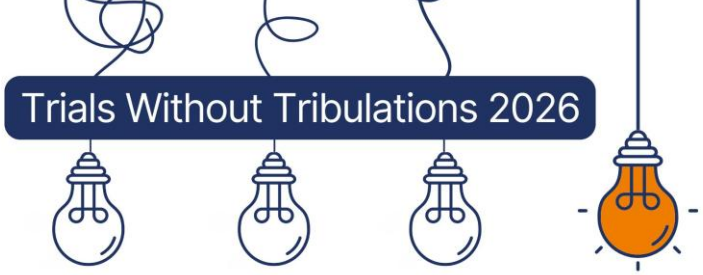
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| **Anson Vo** | Anson Vo is a clinical research professional working across the clinical trial lifecycle, from site start-up through to coordination and operations. She's worked on Phase I–IV trials in paediatric and adult settings, and currently supports clinical trial activity across six hospitals at South Western Sydney Local Health District, with a focus on strengthening clinical research capability across NSW Health. |
| **Anthony Jaworksi** | Anthony Jaworski \| LinkedIn |
| **Carly Leighton** | Carly Leighton is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years' experience in clinical trials operations and strategy across public health organisations and academic institutions in both the United Kingdom and Australia. She is a strong advocate for embedding clinical trials research into routine healthcare services to support a learning healthcare system that contributes to evidence-based healthcare and, importantly, improve the healthcare outcomes of cancer patients. |
| **Daniel Steffens** | Professor Daniel Steffens is a Senior Principal Research Fellow at the Sydney Clinical Trials Centre, University of Sydney, and Director of the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SOuRCe), Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. An international leader in surgical clinical trials, implementation science and cancer rehabilitation, he leads a multidisciplinary team of more than 35 researchers across 250 research projects. His research spans 31 hospitals in 19 countries and has attracted more than $20 million in competitive funding. He has published more than 280 peer-reviewed papers and founded the Global (P)Rehabilitation Initiative and World Prehabilitation Day, advancing evidence-based, equitable cancer care and surgical outcomes. |
| **Danielle Somers** | Danielle Somers \| LinkedIn or Our people \| Office for Health and Medical Research |
| **Dmitry Goloskokov** | Dmitry Goloskokov is a Clinical Study Manager at BeOne Medicines with over 15 years of experience in clinical research across sponsor, CRO and site settings. He has managed complex, multi-country clinical trials across oncology, haematology and other therapeutic areas, with a strong focus on study delivery, risk management and inspection readiness.<br>Dmitry is particularly interested in how AI, data analytics and digital tools can improve clinical trial oversight and reduce administrative burden. He also champions practical AI adoption and knowledge-sharing within clinical operations, including through internal AI learning initiatives. |

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| **Erfan Jaberiyanfar** | Erfan Jaberiyanfar \| LinkedIn |
| **Gemma Blunt** | Gemma Blunt is the Manager of Trials Integrity and Quality within the Faculty of Medicine and Health at the University of Sydney. She provides strategic and operational support to research teams across the Faculty, helping to build and maintain effective quality management systems for clinical research. Her work encompasses risk management, SOP development, GCP training, audit and inspection readiness and accreditation support. Gemma has extensive experience supporting investigator-initiated and commercially sponsored studies across a variety of therapeutic areas and trial models, with a focus on promoting participant safety, regulatory compliance, and the delivery of high-quality research outcomes. |
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| **James Vitnell** | James Vitnell is a Senior Clinical Research Coordinator at the Clinical Research Centre, The Children's Hospital at Westmead. He has worked across the Centre's full clinical trial portfolio, with particular expertise in advanced therapeutics and early-phase clinical trials. James holds a background in Pharmacology and began his career at the Centre as a Research Assistant before progressing to Clinical Research Coordinator and subsequently Senior Clinical Research Coordinator. He is passionate about supporting innovative research and improving access to cutting-edge therapies for children and young people through clinical trials. |
| **Jerneen Williams** | Jerneen Williams is the Director of Operations at Bellberry Limited, an independent, not-for-profit organisation providing streamlined scientific and ethical review of Human research projects across Australia. In her role, Jerneen supports the Bellberry team to ensure the consistent delivery of high-quality, efficient review processes that achieve the highest standards of scientific and ethical integrity. She holds an Honours degree in Genetics, a Master's in Clinical Trials Research, an MBA and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. With over 20 years of experience in the clinical trials industry—spanning both public and private research settings—JW brings deep expertise and insight to her leadership. |
| **Kate Mahon** | Associate Professor Kate Mahon (BScMBBS FRACP PhD) is the Director of Medical Oncology at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. She leads the Peritoneal Malignancy Translational Research Program at COBL/Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with a focus on appendiceal and colorectal cancers. |
| **Kath Irish** | Kathleen Irish is the Manager of clinicaltrialsNSW at the NSW Ministry of Health and a nationally recognised leader in clinical trials policy, quality and workforce development. With nearly 30 years of experience across clinical research, health regulation, governance and system reform, she has worked across local, national and international research environments. Kath has led major statewide initiatives to strengthen clinical trial capability, quality systems and workforce development across NSW Health. |
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| **Kristel Gelfius** | Kristel Gelfius is an experienced Clinical Trials Pharmacist with expertise in oncology, haematology, research governance and investigational product management. She is passionate about advancing patient care through research, delivering high-quality clinical trial services, and supporting innovation in cancer treatment. |
| **Lisa Horvath** | Professor Lisa Horvath MBBS (Hons1) FRACP PhD is the Director of Research and Chief Clinical Officer at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Professor of Medical Oncology (Genitourinary cancer) at the University of Sydney and Faculty member at the Garvan Institute for Medical Research. She is a clinician scientist, has an active clinical practice and is involved with a large number of clinical trials in prostate cancer in addition to phase I trial work. She has published >200 original research papers published in peer-reviewed journals in the last 20+ years across the fields of cancer biology, biomarkers and clinical trials. |
| **Lucia Smith** | Dr Lucia Smith has over 30 years' experience in clinical research and clinical trials, with a BSc in Anatomy & Physiology and a PhD from the University of Sydney. She has supported the set-up and conduct of clinical research and clinical trials across public health organisations and industry. Lucia is currently Manager of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Research Governance Office. She is passionate about enabling children and families to access innovative treatments safely and ethically, while supporting researchers to successfully deliver high-quality research. |
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| **Megan Collett** | Meg Collett has worked in the clinical trials industry for >27 years and is extremely passionate about bringing innovations to patients. She has a diverse background in clinical trials working in hospitals, general practice, pharmaceutical and biotech companies and contract research organisations. She has managed phase I-IV clinical trials across many therapeutic areas including medical oncology, haematology, cardiology, neurology, immunology and gastroenterology. |
| **Mel Grand** | Mel Grand is currently the Acting Associate Director Research Operations at the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, where she contributes to advancing paediatric healthcare through clinical research initiatives at Kids Research. Mel has a background as a qualified radiation therapist and experienced project manager, having worked in clinical trials for almost 20 years at both a Sponsor and Site level. Mel plays a vital role in supporting the development and implementation of research studies aimed at improving health outcomes for children. Her work involves working with research teams, ensuring compliance with standards, and facilitating the smooth operation of clinical research within the network. |
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| **Rishi Gupta** | Rishi Gupta is a Biomedical Engineer and Clinical Development Centre (CDC) Trial Manager at Novo Nordisk, leading diabetes and obesity clinical trials across Australia. His expertise spans across clinical trial operations, regulatory compliance, site engagement, and participant recruitment and retention. Rishi collaborates with investigators, global study teams, and external partners to deliver high-quality research while ensuring participant safety and data integrity. Passionate about improving access to research, Rishi established two Teletrial sites in regional Queensland for the REIMAGINE-2 study, helping expand clinical trial opportunities for regional communities. |
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