

Briefing Paper – Expressions of Interest to Present at the ANZICS CTG Annual Meeting, Noosa

The ANZICS Clinical Trials Group (CTG) welcomes two types of presentation: Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from investigators seeking to present at the Annual Meeting in Noosa; and “Lessons Learnt presentations”, which replaces and changes the focus of “study updates”.

The meeting provides a unique opportunity to engage with the ANZICS-CTG community to strengthen clinical trial design, improve feasibility, and enhance the quality and impact of proposed clinical trial programs. EOIs should be submitted with a clear alignment to the development of a clinical trial, and with the following requirements:

Key Requirements for EOIs / Presentations for clinical trial programs that are on the pathway to seeking CTG endorsement or support

- **Purpose:** Presentations must be aimed at seeking engagement and input into trial design, not solely recruitment. This includes:
 - Patient selection criteria
 - Choice and delivery of trial interventions
 - Selection of control groups
 - Outcome measures and follow-up timeframes
 - Models of consent
 - Other matters related to design, delivery or added value to the clinical trial
- **Timing:** Ideally, presentations should occur *prior to* funding applications being submitted, enabling genuine community input to inform final study design.
- **Transparency:** Presenters must outline the proposed budget and site payment structure to facilitate open discussion.
- **Consumer Engagement:** Evidence of meaningful and early consumer involvement in the trial's development must be demonstrated.
- **Discouraged Content:** Presentations solely intended to socialise a funded study with a mature design, pre-clinical studies, and studies that are primarily observational or registry-based and not related to concept development of a clinical trial will generally not be accepted.

Lessons Learnt Presentations

- This replaces study updates: study updates are annually provided in a report to the CTG Committee; Study updates are no longer accepted as a routine presentations to the committee unless key insights are present (see below).
- One simple slide per study will be rotated during the meeting breaks to provide a study update to the community for currently operational endorsed or supported studies
- Investigators are encouraged to present **key insights** from completed or ongoing trials that can inform and support the research community. This may include:
 - Recruitment challenges and solutions
 - Scientific changes to the endorsed/supported protocol
 - Database development and management
 - Consent models and their effectiveness
 - Budget planning and management
 - Patient follow-up strategies
 - Handling of complaints or audit findings
- The focus should be on sharing experiences that can directly improve the quality and efficiency of future ANZICS-CTG research initiatives.