

# Teletrials – Ethics, site governance and startup

## Australian Teletrial Program-Victoria (ATP-VIC)

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## Australian Teletrial Program (ATP)

### **Medical Research Future Fund's (MRFF) Enabling Infrastructure for Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trials Initiative**

\$75.2M over five years has been awarded to Queensland Health under the MRFF's *National Critical Infrastructure Initiative – 2019 Rural, Regional and Remote Clinical Trial Enabling Infrastructure* grant. The initiative is to implement the Australian Teletrial Program (ATP). Queensland Health partner jurisdictions are:

- Department of Health, Victoria
- Department of Health, Tasmania
- Department for Health and Wellbeing, South Australia
- WA Country Health Service, Western Australia
- Top End Health Services, Northern Territory Government

# Aim of ATP

The ATP aims to improve access to, and participation in, clinical trials for Australians living in rural, regional and remote (RRR) areas by implementing a scaled-up version of the Australasian Teletrial Model (ATM) to facilitate and expand clinical trial activity across Australia.

ATP links Primary clinical trial sites with Satellite Sites to form a teletrial cluster, thus enabling Australians living in RRR locations to access trials closer to home, resulting in less time separated from families and supports and reduced travel to access health care.

# Australian Teletrial Program

**The national partners have established a centralised office including Regional Clinical trial Coordinating Centres (RCCC) to:**

- assist sites to conduct clinical trial sites to set up clusters by coordinating clinical trial operations, assist with negotiations and sponsor communications
- coordinate education and training
- support satellite sites, recruitment of rural, regional and remote patients
- Coordinate data and reporting to the ATP National Office and
- participate in governance of ATP

# Australian Teletrial Program-Victoria (ATP-VIC)

The central office is located in the Department of Health and has seven funded regional 'hubs'

- Bendigo Health
- Ballarat Health Service
- Barwon Health
- Northeast Health Wangaratta
- Goulburn Valley Health
- Latrobe Regional Hospital
- South West Healthcare

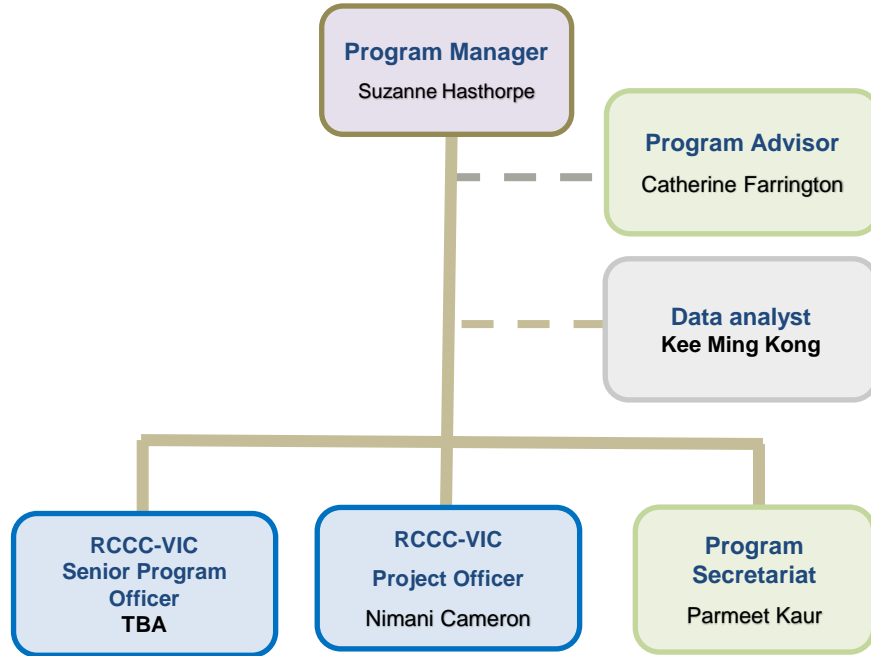
# ATP-VIC implementation and management

The delivery of the Australian Teletrials Program (ATP) involves working with the National ATP Office governance for national alignment of ATP activities and policy

The Department of Health (DH) provides local governance, policy, and additional guidance and tools to support Victorian clinical trials and teletrials

The Coordinating Office for Clinical Trial Research has oversight of the program management, contractual reporting and national program alignment

# ATP-VIC team



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# ATP-VIC training

- for clinical trial coordinators and study start up specialists (SSS) located regionally
- linking into existing training resources, e.g. ERM applications, ERM administration and toolkit
- training platforms, such as REDCap, ACTEC, and the SKILLED intern on-the-job program at 7 regional hubs
- targeted events, forums, speciality presentations on teletrials and communications



# Sector relationship management

ATP-VIC has a strategic approach to support implementation, including:

- a robust governance structure including operations, sponsors/industry and consumers
- website area for Teletrials: <https://www.clinicaltrialsandresearch.vic.gov.au/>
- National Office-ATP database (REDCap) training for the central office, regional hubs and assistance for Victorian health services
- national events and meetings to inform program implementation and policy and tools going forward
- develop a training program specifically on the 'how to' for teletrials

# Integrated ethics and site-governance

ATP-VIC provides advice and tools to support ATP-VIC regional sites and other participating health services for clinical trial and teletrial frameworks across Victoria

- provides a single point of contact for clinical trial and teletrial, ethics and governance advice and information technology (Ethics Review Manager, ERM) assistance for health services and researchers
- the ATP-VIC (Data Analyst) data analytics reports are sourced from ERM and ad hoc reports as requested
- ATP-VIC (Program Officer) generates documents and reports sourced from the ATP database (REDCap) as required and for MRFF reporting

# Communications & Contacts

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