



# Teletrials – A Regional Experience

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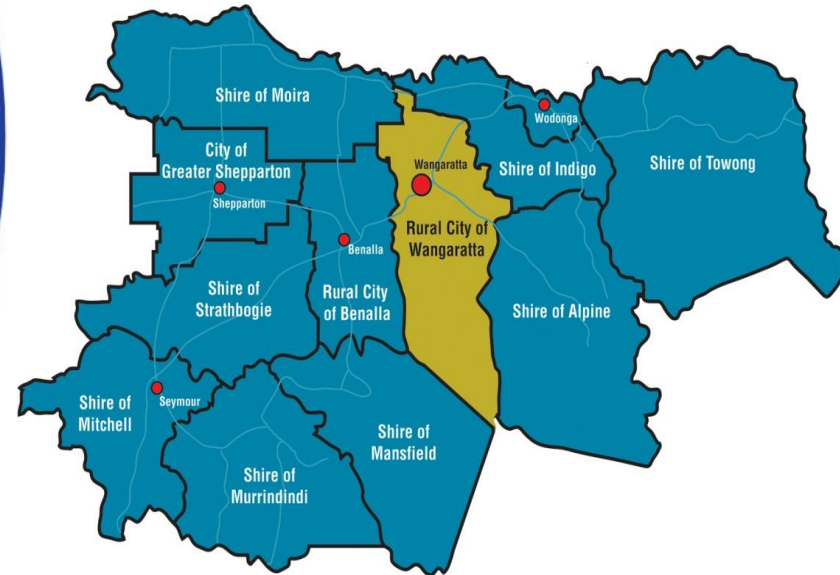


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# Northeast Health Wangaratta

- Located in Hume Region
- Referral Health Service for population 90,000
- Clinical Trial service established 2019
- Centralized trial coordination
- Trial active areas:
  - Anaesthesia, Stroke Management, Alzheimer's Disease, Oncology, Intensive Care



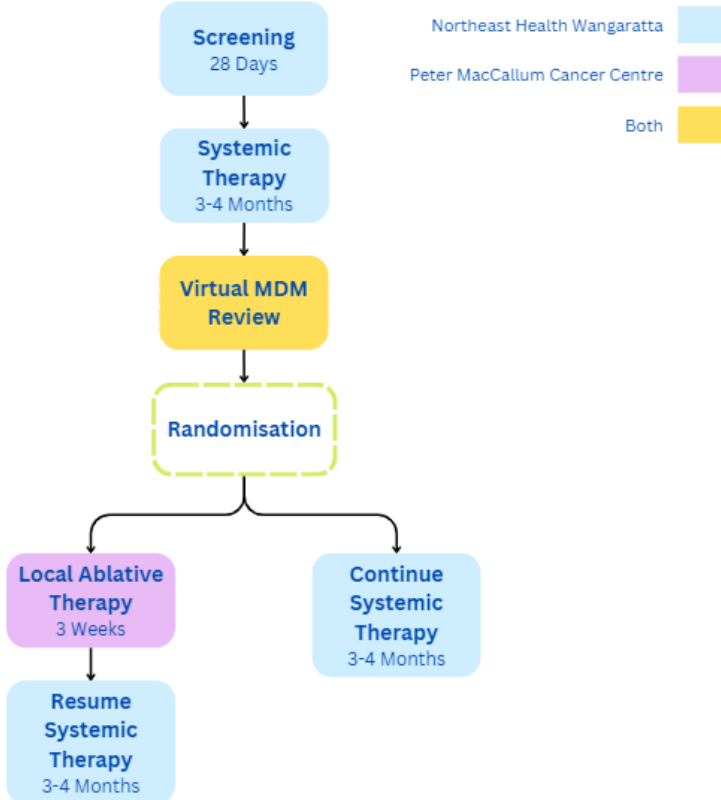
# RESOLUTE Teletrial

- Comparing the clinical benefit of:
  - Local ablative therapy following initial standard first-line systemic treatment
  - Continued standard first-line systemic treatment
- Patients with Unresectable Oligometastatic Colorectal Cancer
- Cluster designed Teletrial
  - Primary site = metro
  - Satellite sites = outer metro & regional
- Perfect match for Teletrial
  - Specific subset colorectal cancer = rare disease
  - Clear division of responsibilities and expertise

# Trial Logistics

## Participant Impacts:

- Only 50% of participants will need to travel to Metro site
- Maximum time spent at Metro site 3 weeks across a 12 week window
- Saving participants approx. 14 visits to Metro site
- Potentially a deciding factor to participation



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# Teletrial Start-up Experience

- Strategic cluster formation
- Experienced primary site
- Established relationships between investigators
- Well documented supervision plan & related components (feasibility, site initiation, training and delegation logs)
- Maintained effective communication with scheduled oversight meetings
- Teletrial pathway didn't create barriers for activation

# Timeline Metrics

49

Days

HREC approval to Site Activation

99

Days

Site Selection to Site Activation

90

Days

HREC approval (initial)

7

Days

NHW RGO approval

# Challenges

- **Administrative**

- Mindful of chain of responsibility and signatories on satellite site logs
- Terminology for satellite site investigator – Lead Sub-Investigator

- **Australian Teletrial Program (ATP) Specific**

- Providing information to Primary Site regarding ATP funding – SURPRISE!!!!
- Recommend early funding discussions
- Stand alone PICF submission – new concept, required negotiation of wording and assimilation to main PICF

- **Participant experience yet to be realised**

# Enablers for Success

- **Preparedness**

- NHW informally conducting a Teletrial in stroke management prior to program
- Initiated Teletrial training & developed Teletrial Standard Operating Procedures
- Facilitated communication with Governance (RGO and Research Committee) re Teletrials and ATP

- **SiteDocs (or similar)**

- Secure document management tool critical to communication between sites

- **Establishing Networks**

- Mapping of Health Partner Services
- Shared appointments of Investigators
- Formalising accidental partnerships
- Capitalising existing networks (ie CTRSS)

- **ATP Funding**

- Key enabler particularly for Collaborative Group Trials



# Conclusion

- This experience proves there are no barriers to activation using the Teletrial model
- Challenges may lie in different cluster scenarios
- Success = Teletrial model embraced by all



## **THANKS TO:**

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