

2026 ANZCA CTN STRATEGIC RESEARCH WORKSHOP

21-23 AUGUST 2026, QT GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND



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FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

Time	Session/topic	Chairs/speakers	Location
8am	Masterclass registration		Ballroom foyer
8.45-10.15am	Masterclass 1: Implementing the estimand framework in anaesthesia clinical trials	Associate Professor Sabine Braat (SA)	North break room
10.15-10.45am	Morning tea		Ballroom foyer
10.45am-12.15pm	Masterclass 2: Getting started with effectiveness - Implementation hybrid trial designs	Associate Professor Ingrid Hickman (Qld)	North break room
From 12pm	Registration		Ballroom foyer
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch		Ballroom foyer

STREAM 1 - Research coordinator and research teams			STREAM 2 - New and emerging researcher methodology stream		
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1.30-3.10pm	Concurrent session 1 - Clinical trial operations: Recruitment and consent (Maui Room)	Chairs: Ms Allison Kearney (Qld) and Ms Natalie Hird (WA)	1.30-3.10pm	Concurrent session 2 - Designing for impact: Protocol development to grant success (Pipeline room)	Chairs: Chairs: Associate Professor Michelle Roets (Qld) and Associate Professor Jonathon Fanning (Qld)
	Good Clinical Practice update and implications	Ms Sonia Hancock (Qld)		Equipoise and uncertainty: Shaping the right question early	Dr Kristy Robledo (NSW)
	Current recruitment and consent landscape in the CTN	Ms Natalie Hird (WA) and Ms Samantha Ryan (NZ)		Systematic reviews and literature searches: How the ANZCA library team can help you	Ms Kathryn Rough (Vic)

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	Maximising recruitment into clinical trials: It's about more than just the numbers	<i>Professor Nik Zeps (Vic)</i>		What successful consumer engagement looks like: PUMA case study	<i>Dr Luke Perry (Vic) and Ms Paige Druce (Vic)</i>
	Panel discussion	<i>Ms Samantha Ryan (NZ), Desley Vine (Qld), Ms Sonia Hancock (Qld), and Professor Nik Zeps (Vic)</i>		A consumer advisor's perspective: How grant applications are assessed and what makes a successful grant application	<i>Peter Button (Qld)</i>
	Simplified consent with an opt-out model: PROMPT-O2 case study	<i>Ms Margaret Quayle (Vic)</i>		Strengthening New Zealand funding success through Māori partnership and equity	<i>Dr Matthew Moore (NZ)</i>
	Deferred consent	<i>Dr Ianthe Boden (Tas)</i>		Panel discussion	<i>Dr Kristy Robledo (NSW), Ms Kathryn Rough (Vic), Dr Luke Perry (Vic), Ms Paige Druce (Vic), Peter Button (Qld), and Dr Matthew Moore (NZ)</i>
	Pre-admission versus day-of-surgery consent	<i>Ms Lisa Coward (Vic)</i>			
	Panel discussion	<i>Ms Margaret Quayle (Vic), Desley Vine (Qld), Ms Sonia Hancock (Qld), Professor Nik Zeps (Vic), Dr Ianthe Boden (Tas), and Ms Lisa Coward (Vic)</i>			
3.10-3.40pm	Afternoon tea				Ballroom foyer
3.40-5.20pm	Concurrent session 3 - Budgets and resourcing: From grant success to site delivery (Maui room)	Chairs: Ms Kaitlin Kramer (NSW) and Professor Robert Sanders (NSW)	3.40-5.30pm	Concurrent session 4: New proposals by emerging investigators (Pipeline room)	Chairs: Associate Professor Andy Toner (WA) and Associate Professor Lis Evered (Vic)
	Trial budgets, timelines, and setbacks: Case studies from LOLIPOP, ROCKET and SNaPP trials	<i>Ms Gillian Ormond (Vic) and Ms Sofia Sidiropoulos (Vic)</i>		Welcome	<i>Dr Lance Emerson PhD (Vic)</i>
	Preparing trials for the UK and Europe: Funding, partnerships, governance, and operational realities	<i>Dr Shane Galgey (UK/NSW)</i>		ANZCA grants changes: Fairer and more transparent	<i>Associate Professor Stu Marshall (Vic)</i>

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	A grant reviewer's perspective on trial budgets and resourcing clinical trials	<i>Professor Nik Zeps (Vic)</i>		Introduction to the prize session	<i>Associate Professor Andy Toner (WA) and Associate Professor Lis Evered (Vic)</i>
	Panel discussion	<i>Ms Gillian Ormond (Vic), Ms Sofia Sidiropoulos (Vic), Dr Shane Galgey (UK/NSW), Professor Nik Zeps (Vic), Professor Philip Peyton (Vic), and Ms Allison Kearney (Qld)</i>		Comparative effectiveness of intrathecal morphine versus intravenous methadone in major abdominal surgery: A single-centre, randomised, open-label, parallel-group feasibility trial	<i>Dr Sarah Lee (Vic)</i>
				Butyrate for pain relief in oral mucositis in children undergoing haematopoietic stem cell transplantation: A pilot randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (BUTTER trial)	<i>Dr Mandy Chu (HK)</i>
				Management of caesarean-related haemorrhage in Australian public hospitals (MACRO-AUS): A multicentre, prospective, observational study	<i>Dr Julie Lee (Qld)</i>
				Levosimendan on myocardial injury after non-cardiac surgery: A double-blinded, placebo-controlled, pilot randomized controlled trial	<i>Dr Henry Wong (HK)</i>
				Immediate in-theatre extubation vs standard care in low-risk cardiac surgery: A randomised feasibility study	<i>Dr Dilraj Thind (NZ)</i>
5.30-8pm	Anaesthesia Research Coordinators Network (ARCN) networking dinner - The Green, QT Gold Coast		5.30-6.30pm	Networking reception - Stingray, QT Gold Coast	

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SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

Time	Session/topic	Chairs/speakers	Location
6.45-7.30am	Morning run - 5km (optional)	Associate Professor Stefan Dieleman (NSW) and Ms Kaitlin Kramer (NSW)	
7.45-8.30am	Registration, networking, and coffee		Ballroom foyer
8.30-9.55am	Plenary session 1: Opening plenary	Chairs: Associate Professor David Highton (Qld) and Dr Rachel Bourke (Qld)	Pipeline room
	Welcome to country	Uncle John Graham	
	Welcome	Dr Rachel Bourke (Qld)	
	Landscape of the CTN	Associate Professor David Highton (Qld)	
	Embedding implementation outcomes in clinical trial design for greater translational value	Associate Professor Ingrid Hickman (Qld)	
	From primary analyses to evidence synthesis	Dr Kristy Robledo (NSW)	
9.55-10.25am	Morning tea		Ballroom foyer
10.25am-12.05pm	Plenary session 2: Developing multicentre trials for network-wide delivery and funding readiness	Chairs: Professor Victoria Eley (Qld) and Dr Megan Allen (Vic)	Pipeline room
	RAPTOR: Randomised trial of antimicrobial prophylaxis to improve outcomes of rib fractures: A multicentre randomised trial	Dr Luke Perry (Vic)	
	ITACS-2: Intravenous iron to treat anaemia after cardiac surgery: A multicentre, randomised, pilot, and feasibility trial	Associate Professor Lachlan Miles (Vic)	
	NOTBADD pilot platform: NSAID administration or theatre benzodiazepine avoidance for delirium and days alive and at home with processed EEG in theatre (NOTBADD PET) pilot trial	Professor Robert Sanders (NSW)	
	PIONEER-2D: A Bayesian adaptive, dose-finding platform trial of intraoperative dexmedetomidine for the prevention of postoperative delirium	Dr Ben Moran (NSW)	
	FILTER: A multicentre registry-based adaptive feasibility trial of perioperative drug filtration to improve days alive and out of hospital (DAOH) in elective cardiac surgery	Dr Matthew Moore (NZ)	

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	K-ADAPT feasibility trial: A multicentre, double-blind, randomised, active placebo-controlled feasibility RCT of oral ketamine-augmented acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) in chronic post-surgical pain with comorbid depression	Associate Professor Nico Terblanche (Tas)	
12.05-1pm	Lunch		Ballroom foyer
1-1.35pm	Plenary session 3: Business meeting	Chair: Dr Danielle Crimmins (Qld) and Associate Professor Belinda Phillips (Vic)	Pipeline room
	ARCN and CTN business meeting	Ms Karen Goulding (Vic), Professor Tomás Corcoran (WA) and Ms Kaitlin Kramer (NSW)	
	ANZCA Foundation update	Mr Rob Packer (Vic)	
1.35-2.15pm	Plenary session 4: Trial updates	Chair: Dr Danielle Crimmins (Qld) and Associate Professor Belinda Phillips (Vic)	Pipeline room
	DECIDE: Dexmedetomidine and delirium in cardiac surgery	Professor Robert Sanders (NSW)	
	TRICS-IV: Liberal versus restrictive transfusion strategy for cardiac surgery	Professor David A Scott AM (Vic)	
	LOLIPOP: The long-term outcomes of lidocaine infusions for persistent postoperative pain in patients undergoing breast cancer surgery	Professor Tomás Corcoran (WA)	
	CALIPSO: The duration of cardiac antimicrobial prophylaxis outcomes study	Professor Trisha Peel (Vic)	
	PROMPT: Perioperative medicine platform trial	Professor Trisha Peel (Vic)	
2.15-2.45pm	Afternoon tea		Ballroom foyer
2.45-4.15pm	Plenary session 5: Results and future research	Chairs: Professor Kate Leslie AO (Vic) and Dr Kate Drummond (SA)	Pipeline room
	MASTERSTROKE: Management of systolic blood pressure during endovascular thrombectomy under general anaesthesia for acute ischaemic stroke: A multi-centre, double-blind parallel group, randomised controlled trial	Dr Doug Campbell (NZ)	
	HYPE: Preoperative roxadustat in major elective noncardiac surgery: HYPE pilot trial results	Associate Professor Andy Toner (WA)	

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	TRITON and teletrials: Tranexamic acid for necrotising soft-tissue infections – Results of a feasibility trial	<i>Professor Paul Myles (Vic) and Dr Edith Waugh (NT)</i>	
	Bayesian re-analysis of PADDI chronic post-surgical pain data and assurance power	<i>David Sidebotham (NZ)</i>	
	Pain platform and dexamethasone and pain follow-up study	<i>Professor Tomás Corcoran (WA)</i>	
4.15–5pm	Plenary session 6: Start up meeting	Chair: Ms Paige Druce (Vic)	Pipeline room
	PUMA trial: Pulmonary artery catheters in adults undergoing cardiac surgery	<i>Dr Luke Perry (Vic), Associate Professor Lachlan Miles (Vic) and Miss Trazzie Luk (Vic)</i>	
From 6.20pm	Bus transfer to conference dinner		QT Gold Coast
7–10.30pm	Conference dinner		Southport Yacht Club
From 10pm	Bus transfer to QT Gold Coast		Southport Yacht Club

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Time (ACST)	Session/topic	Chairs/speakers	Location
7.30–8am	Networking and coffee		Ballroom foyer
8–9.30am	Plenary session 7: Implementation science	Chairs: Dr Irina Hollington (SA) and Professor David A Scott AM (Vic)	Pipeline room
	Implementation-ready trials: Where evidence generation meets practice change	<i>Associate Professor Ingrid Hickman (Qld)</i>	
	The ROCKeT trial: Opening the capsule	<i>Professor Philip Peyton (Vic)</i>	
	Panel	<i>Professor Philip Peyton (Vic), Associate Professor Ingrid Hickman (Qld), Dr Kristy Robledo (NSW), and Dr Tim Ho (NSW)</i>	
9.30–10am	Morning tea		Ballroom foyer

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10-10.50am	Plenary session 8: Changes in the paradigm for future clinical trials	Chair: Professor Tomás Corcoran (WA)	Pipeline room
	Future trials fast takes		
	Trial concept 1	Associate Professor David Highton (Qld)	
	Trial concept 2	Dr Fiona Taverner (SA)	
	Trial concept 3	Professor Philip Peyton (Vic)	
	Trial concept 4	Professor Kate Leslie AO (Vic)	
10.50-11.30am	Plenary session 9 – Debate: De-implementation is the only implementation that matters	Chair: Professor Victoria Eley (Qld)	Pipeline room
	Pro	Associate Professor Lachlan Miles (Vic)	
	Anti	Professor Paul Myles (Vic)	
	Pro rebuttal	Associate Professor Lachlan Miles (Vic)	
	Anti rebuttal	Professor Paul Myles (Vic)	
	Meeting close	Professor Tomás Corcoran (WA)	
11.30-12pm	Lunch		Ballroom foyer