

### 2023 Health Beyond Research & Innovation Showcase

And that's a wrap! The 2023 Health Beyond Research & Innovation Showcase has officially come to a close. It's been an amazing week of thought-provoking sessions that have highlighted the importance of collaboration, innovation and imagination. Thank you to all those who attended, we can't wait for next year!



### Ground-breaking new research - Improving Access to Cancer Clinical Trials and Diversity

Dr Abhijit Pal (SWSLHD) and Professor Frances Boyle (University of Sydney), with support of A/Professor Ben Smith have been working for over 2 years on a project to understand barriers and solutions to the recruitment of patients from ethnic backgrounds who are unable to speak English on to cancer clinical trials and the results have been published in [Journal of Oncology Practice](#). They had surveyed 91 research professionals and found that lack of access to interpreters and insufficient time was a huge issue, and that routine measurement is not being conducted. Preferred solutions include trial navigators and more multilingual resources. To find out more about this ground breaking research, [click here](#).

### Cancer Innovations Conference 2023

Ms Gui (Mei Mei) Xiong, the registry team and the SWSLHD Clinical Trials Support Unit were awarded the People's Choice Best Poster award at the Cancer Innovations Conference on 1 August 2023.

The Cancer Institute NSW hosted the Cancer Innovations Conference 2023. The Conference focused on fostering conversations about improving access, coordination of care and outcomes for people with cancer. The program has been designed to explore the big challenges facing the NSW cancer system now and into the future.



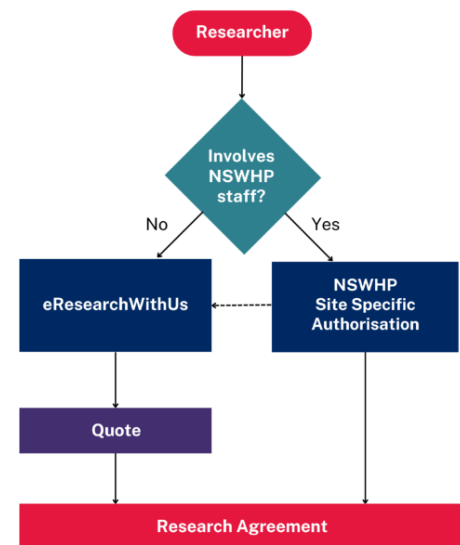
## Research Ethics and Governance Fees

Ministry of Health has recently issued an update to the [Fee Schedule for Research Ethics and Governance Review of Clinical Trial Research \(PD2023\\_015\)](#). This policy ensures uniformity in fee application across NSW Public Health Organisations. The revised fee schedule is mandatory and has been in effect from 1st September 2023, applying to both new and existing Clinical Trials submissions. For further information or clarification, please contact the team at [SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au).

## Introducing eResearchWithUs: Simplifying access to NSW Health Pathology research service

NSW Health Pathology's latest advancement to their research services — [eResearchWithUs](#), an innovative digital portal designed to streamline access to our extensive research services. As part of their commitment to supporting researchers and advancing scientific knowledge, this new tool has been provided. The diagram to the right shows the research process. For more information, please reach out to NSW Pathology on [NSWPATH-Research@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSWPATH-Research@health.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions.

Our research process



## Allied Health Research/QI drop-in sessions

There are fortnightly sessions to attend the Allied Health Research/QI drop-in for SWSLHD allied health clinicians seeking support with research ideas or activities. Dates below:

- September: Wed 27th (9-11am)
- October: Mon 9th (10am-12pm) & Wed 25th (9-11am)
- November: Mon 13th (10am-12pm) & Wed 29th (9-11am)
- December: Mon 11th (10am-12pm)

Sessions are open to all staff who might have a QI/research project they want to discuss and get help with. Please email Dr Caitlin McMaster ([caitlin.mcmaster@sydney.edu.au](mailto:caitlin.mcmaster@sydney.edu.au)) for Zoom meeting details if you would like to attend.

### Updated Grant Funding

Check out the list of current grant opportunities here:  
<https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ethics/grants.html>

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